MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : കോട്ടയം—ആലപ്പുഴ റോഡിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച വലിയ ചിലവുവരുന്നതു കൊണ്ട് അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിച്ചില്ല എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. എന്നാൽ ചാക്ക—തമ്പാന്നൂർ റയിൽവേ എക്സ്റ്റെൻഷനു ചിലവായിട്ടുള്ളതു കയെക്കാൾ കൂടുതലായ തുക ഇതിനു വേണ്ടിവരുമോ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: How does it arise as a supplementary question?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : തമ്പാന്നൂർ റയിൽവേ എക്സ്റ്റെൻഷനെക്കാൾ പ്രയോജനകരമാണ് കോട്ടയം—ആലപ്പുഴ റോഡു എന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനഭിപ്രായമുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Sir, am I to answer this question?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If you are so inclined.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : We will now proceed to deal with the Demands for Grants.

DEMAND I—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 30,16,603 under Demand I—Public Works.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Motion I reads thus :—

"MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN;

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 31,478, for clerical and other staff by Rs. 3,000".

Before I call upon Mr. Asan to make the motion, I would invite the attention of the House to the Standing Orders under which the official member and the member making the motion are allowed 10 minutes each and all the other members only five minutes each. As a matter of personal obligation, I would request you not to ask for an extension of time, because there is a lot of work to be gone through before this evening, if you want to finish this demand. I merely throw it out as a suggestion and not as a ruling from the Chair. When you feel that a particular motion has been sufficiently discussed to enable the House to understand the implications thereof, it is not absolutely necessary that a very large number of members should speak on the particular motion. I wish you would not take it as an attempt on the part of the Chair to curtail your right of discussion. It was therefore, I said, I am simply putting it as a suggestion. If every one of you wishes to speak, certainly you will be in order and I will not stand in the way. I would only suggest that something like a self-denying ordinance may be adopted by you all for the very important purpose of passing through the several motions, instead of allowing them to lapse at 5 0'clock undiscussed.

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Motion 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I move the following motion :—

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 31,478 for clerical and other staff by Rs. 3,000"

Sir, in my general discussion on the Budget I drew the attention of this House to the fact that the P. W. D. which was spending more than 16 lakhs in 1105 for new works (communications) has reduced it to 6 odd lakhs this year. They have reduced the important item of work in the Public Works Department.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Will you permit me to intervene and say one word? It is a specific cut that you have suggested and you cannot discuss the policy of the department in this motion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I am not doing that.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You may satisfy the House that the interests of the department and public interests will not suffer by a reduction of the clerical staff to the extent of Rs. 3,000. That is all that you can discuss under the motion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): That is what I am going to do.

Therefore, when 10 lakhs of rupees from the most important item in the P. W. D. has been deducted, I do not see why we should maintain so many Clerks, Accountants and Typists in the Chief Engineer's Office. They have reduced about 60 per cent. of the amount under new works (communications) and I have asked only for a reduction of 10 per cent. in the Establishment. What I state is, that this is only a very modest demand for reduction. I expected the Chief Engineer to volunteer such a reduction. Just for the information of the House, I shall refer to the Budget of 1098 where we find that there were only 63 subordinates in the establishment of the Chief Engineer's Office. Now it has been increased to 69, and so I would suggest that at least the 6 that were added after 1098, could be reduced. Sir, these are times of economic depression, and when money is so valuable persons who get money must work harder and harder. Even if the whole staff has to discharge all the duties which it had to do in 1105 they must be willing to do greater amount of work now. All that I now suggest is, that the quantity of work has gone down. Do not keep idle hands. Just reduce their number. I hope that the House will accede to this request.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): May I know whether the member has any idea of the details of this Rs. 3,000?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The Chief Engineer must make such an adjustment as to reduce Rs. 3,000. He can reduce the clerks in his office, say those drawing Rs. 100, some on Rs. 50 and so on.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): So, this is a sort of lump amount, on which, the member has no idea?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The Chief Engineer is the proper person to answer that question. I am not suggesting any cut and dried proposition.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a sort of appeal, I suppose?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): If I appeal I have to do it for the sake of the country. Otherwise, I will press it to a division.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, Mr. Asan, in calling attention to the reduction in P. W. D. grants under roads, has ignored the fact that the P. W. D. is not only engaged in the construction of roads. Although the grant under roads has been reduced as stated by the member, the P. W. D. has a great deal of work in other directions.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is the department engaged in the construction of the roads also?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): The P. W. D. establishment in the Chief Engineer's Office is engaged in controlling and directing the activities of the whole department including capital works. Including capital works, we have a total grant of Rs. 48,81,620 this year. Now I would call attention to the fact that this is a 40 per cent. increase over average of the years 1101, 1102 and 1103. It is an astonishing increase in expenditure in such a short time.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*). May I know whether the Chief Engineer has any control over Railway and Water Works?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): The Chief Engineer controls the Trivandrum Water Supply Works.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): What about Railway?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): It is not under my control.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is there any establishment for carrying out Water Works Department?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chef Engineer*): That comes under establishment in general.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is there any other establishment for the purpose of carrying out the Water Works Section?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): There is an establishment under the Executive Engineer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): How many clerks are there?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): That comes under executive and not under direction.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): You were saying that there was an increase of 40 per cent. in the Public Works—

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): That is an expenditure which I have to direct.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): That 40 per cent. increase, may I know, on what year's figures please?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Average for the years 1101 to 1103. From 1104 the P. W. began to extend their scope of work. I would invite the attention of the House to the increase in correspondence in P. W. Offices and especially in the Chief Engineer's Office. In the year 1097 there were 19941 letters received in my office; in 1105 there were 25108 letters.

In the year 1097, there were 14,111 letters despatched, and in the year 1105 there were 24,740 letters despatched.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know, from the figures, whether, after the works were cut down there is a decrease or increase of work?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Please allow him to continue.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): The staff which was barely adequate to deal with correspondence in 1097 cannot be said to be too much, for the greatly increased correspondence of subsequent years. Therefore, I ask the members not to reduce the grant under this item.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will it not mean that the staff in 1097 was more than what was actually required?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You may develop your argument and you need not answer that point.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know from the member whether that staff was reduced in 1098?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Before the year 1912, we had a greater staff than at present. There were 39 clerks in the Chief Engineer's Office including the three temporary clerks. From that year, the work has increased by leaps and bounds without any corresponding increase in the staff. The whole tendency of the House, from yesterday's discussion and the day before, was to give more money to public works and to increase the activities of the Public Works Department. If the strength of my office is crippled at the Headquarters, that means, the whole department is crippled. It means, that the estimates are delayed, the contracts are delayed and the beginning of execution of works is delayed.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): സർ, മി. ദാമോദരനാശാൻ നാ o o o രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപം അവതരിപ്പിച്ചപ്പോൾ ആ തുക ഏതിനത്തിൽ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നു വ്യക്തപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടില്ല. ഇന്നത്തെ ശമ്പളക്കാരുടെ എണ്ണം കുറച്ചാലും ശരി, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അവരു

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ടെ ശമ്പളത്തിന്റെ തോതുകുറച്ചാലുംശരി; എങ്ങിനെയെങ്കിലും ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയരുടെ ഇഷ്ടംപോലെ രു, ൦ ൦ ൦ രൂപാ എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറിനത്തിൽനിന്നു കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണ് പറഞ്ഞതു്.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): അങ്ങിനെ ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞില്ല.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയരുടെ ഹിതംപോലെ കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിനു വിട്ടുകൊടുത്തിരിക്കയാണ്. ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞ രണ്ടുപ്രകാരത്തിലും കുറവുവരുത്തുന്നതിനുള്ള സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയക്കുണ്ടു്.

ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയരുടെ ആഫീസ് എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറിൽ ൯൦൦ രൂപാക്കു മുകളിൽ ശമ്പളമുള്ള ആളുകൾതന്നെ രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ പേരെയൊള്ളൂ.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): ഗവൺമെൻറു അനുവാദം കൂടാതെ ശമ്പളത്തിൽ ഭേദഗതിചെയ്യാൻപാടില്ലെന്നു അറിയാമോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : ഭേദഗതി ചെയ്യാൻ പാടില്ല എന്നറിയാം.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : ക്ലാക്കന്മാരുടെ എണ്ണം കുറച്ചാൽ രു, ൦ ൦ ൦ രൂപാ ലാഭം വരികയില്ലേ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : അങ്ങിനെ എണ്ണം കുറക്കുന്നപക്ഷം രു, ൦ ൦ ൦ അല്ല അതിൽക്കൂടുതലും ലാഭംവരും. ആളുകളുടെ എണ്ണം കുറക്കുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു മി. ആശാൻ ഇവിടെ ഞങ്ങളെ ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടില്ല. ഇന്നു അവിടെ ആവശ്യത്തിൽ കൂടുതലായ ആളുകളുണ്ടെന്നു മി. ആശാൻ ഞങ്ങളെ ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുത്തുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ അതാലോചിക്കുമായിരുന്നു.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : മെംബർ "ഞങ്ങൾ" എന്നു പറയുന്നതു ആരെയെല്ലാം ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചാണു്?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : ഞാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ "ഞങ്ങൾ" എന്ന പദത്തിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നതു് ഈ കൗൺസിലിലുള്ള അംഗങ്ങൾ എല്ലാപേരേയും ചേർത്താണു്. ഒരുവിധം ബുദ്ധി ഉപയോഗിച്ചു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാവരും എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായത്തോടു യോജിക്കുമെന്നാണു് എന്റെ വിശ്വാസം.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): ഒരു വിധമല്ലാതെ നല്ലവണ്ണം ബുദ്ധി ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നവരോ?

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MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : ബുദ്ധി നല്ലവണ്ണം ഉപയോഗിച്ചാലുംകൊള്ളാം കുറച്ചു ഉപയോഗിച്ചാലുംകൊള്ളാം; അവനവന്റെ ബുദ്ധി അനുസരിച്ചു പ്രവൃത്തിച്ചുകൊള്ളണം. ഞാൻ എന്റെ ബുദ്ധി അനുസരിച്ചു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നു.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. P. S. Mahomed, you are not to question the sanity or honesty of any of your colleagues. You are at perfect liberty to differ and you must agree to differ. Now, you may pass on.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഈ നിലക്കു ആളുകളുടെ എണ്ണം കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുവരുകിൽ അവിടെ ആവശ്യത്തിലധികം ആളുകളുണ്ടെന്നു കാണിക്കേണ്ട ചുമതല മി. ആശാനുണ്ടു്. അദ്ദേഹം അതു ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല. പിന്നീടു ഇന്നത്തെ കാലസ്ഥിതി നോക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ എത്രത്തോളം ചിലവു കുറയ്ക്കാമോ അത്രത്തോളം കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്ന ആഗ്രഹമുള്ള ഒരു ഘട്ടമാണു്. എന്നാൽ ചെറിയ ശമ്പളക്കാരുടെ ശമ്പളം കുറയ്ക്കാൻ ആരുംതന്നെ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. P. W. D. ജോലികൾ ഇക്കാലത്തു ധാരാളം ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കണമെന്നും അതു നല്ലവണ്ണം പ്രവൃത്തിക്കണമെന്നും ഇവിടെയുള്ള എല്ലാ മെംബർമാരും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതായി ഇന്നലെ നടന്ന ബഡ്ജറു പൊതുനിരൂപണം നോക്കിയാൽ അറിയാം. ആ സ്ഥിതിക്കു ജോലി വേണ്ടവിധത്തിൽ പ്രയോഗിക്കുന്നതിനുപയോഗപ്പെടേണ്ട എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറിലുള്ള ആളുകളെ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നു മി. ആശാൻ പറയുമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. അതിനാൽ ഞാൻ മി. ആശാന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ എതുത്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILA (*Nominated*): സർ, പൊതുമരാമത്തുവകുപ്പിനു കൂടുതൽ പണം അനുവദിക്കണമെന്നു് എല്ലാവരും പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞു. എന്നാൽ ഇങ്ങിനെ അനുവദിക്കുന്ന പണം തല്ക്കാലത്തെസ്ഥിതിക്കു, കെട്ടിടം പണികൾ നിറുത്തിവച്ചിട്ടു, റോഡുകൾ, തോടുകൾ, പാലങ്ങൾ മുതലായവ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിനായിട്ടു വിനിയോഗിക്കണമെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): പള്ളിക്കൂടത്തിനാവശ്യമുള്ള കെട്ടിടമായാലും നിറുത്തിവയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണൊ പറയുന്നതു്?

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILA (*Nominated*): പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു് അത്യാവശ്യപ്പെടുന്ന പണികൾ ചെയ്യണമെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയരുടെ ആഫീസിലുള്ള എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെൻറിൽ രൂ, ൦ ൦ ൦ രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണ് ഇവിടത്തെ വിഷയം. ഈ മോഷനിൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൻെറ പാളിസിയെപ്പറ്റി പ്രതിപാദിക്കാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നു ഞാൻ ആദ്യമെ പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞു. ടോക്കൻ മോഷൻ വരുമ്പോൾ അതിൽ നിങ്ങൾക്കാവശ്യമുള്ളതെല്ലാം പറയാം.

Mr. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILA (*Nominated*): തുടർന്നു കുറെപറയാനുണ്ട് (Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai order, order.)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കയൊപ്രതികൂലിക്കയൊ വേണമെങ്കിൽ ചെയ്യാമെന്നല്ലാതെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൻെറ പാളിസി ഇവിടെ ഡിസ്കസ് ചെയ്യാൻ പാടില്ല.

Mr. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILA (*Nominated*): ഞാൻ അതിൻെറ മുഖവുരയായിട്ടു പറഞ്ഞു എന്നേയുള്ളൂ.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: എന്നാൽ പറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളുക.

Mr. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILA (*Nominated*): എൻെറ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം ഉപയോഗിച്ചു പറയുന്നതിനുള്ള അവസരം വരുമ്പോൾ പറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളാം.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: നിങ്ങൾക്കു ഈ മോഷൻ അനുസരിച്ചു ഈ തുക കുറയ്ക്കാമൊ പാടില്ലയോ എന്നു് ഇവിടെ പറയാം. ആ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തെ ഞാൻ തടയുന്നില്ല.

Mr. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): സർ, മി. ആശാൻ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാനും പിൻതാങ്ങിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു, ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ ആഫീസിലുള്ള ക്ലാക്കന്മാരുടെ വകയ്ക്കു ചേർത്തിട്ടുള്ള തുകയിൽ രൂ, ൦ ൦ ൦ രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണു് ഉപക്ഷേപം. ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന കണക്കിൽനിന്നും ഓരോ ആണ്ടിലും എഴുത്തുകുത്തുകളുടെ സംഖ്യ കൂടിക്കൂടി വരുന്നു എന്നു എനിക്കുതോന്നി. ക്ലാക്കന്മാരെ കൂടുതലാക്കിയതു കൊണ്ടല്ലെ ഈ എഴുത്തുകുത്തു വർദ്ധിച്ചുവരുന്നതെന്നു പറയാതിരിക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ക്ലാക്കന്മാരെ കുറച്ചാൽ ആ വകയിൽ ഒരു ലാഭമുണ്ടാകുന്നതിനുംപുറമേ ഇസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറിഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലുള്ള ചിലവും വളരെ കുറയും. ഒരുഡിവിഷനിൽ കൂടുതൽ തുക പൊതുമരാമത്തുവേലകൾക്കു് അനുവദിച്ചു എന്നു വിചാരിച്ചു കൂടുതൽ ക്ലാക്കന്മാരെ വയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള നയം നല്ലതല്ല. കഴിയുന്നിടത്തോളം കുറസ്പാണ്ടൻസു കുറച്ചിട്ടുവേണം ഈ ആളുകളെ കുറയ്ക്കാൻ എന്നാണു് എൻെറ അഭിപ്രായം ഇങ്ങനെ ചീഫ്

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[Mr. Rama Varma Raja.]

എൻജിനീയർ നോക്കി ഈ ചിലവു കുറയ്ക്കണ്ടതാണെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ മി. ആശാന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, my friend Mr. Mahomed thinks that since I have not proposed the particular mode in which the reduction of staff should be effected I have not been able to convince him. Sir, the Chief Engineer alone knows how he apportions the work in his Office among the various clerks. I would not say that such and such a clerk should be reduced. He is the man most competent to do that. I would only say that since the expenditure on works has been reduced, the staff also should be reduced. At the time of the general discussion on the Budget we said that more money should be allotted to public works. That was not intended for increasing the number of clerks or increasing idle hands. I must request the members to remember that we did not mean that. We wanted to increase the expenditure on communications so that the country may be developed and means of communications may be increased. My friend thinks that I wanted a reduction in the scale of pay of all the staff. He has been a member of the Finance Committee and of this Council so long and he knows that the Chief Engineer is not competent to reduce the scale of pay of the staff. Government must sanction that. The Chief Engineer was saying that expenditure has gone up and that on that account he must have more staff. One aspect of that question was answered by my friendMr. Rama Varma Raja and I will meet the Chief Engineer with another aspect of the argument advanced in this connection. In 1105 the ordinary expenditure on public works and capital works was 72 lakhs, and in 1101, 52 lakhs. There is a reduction of 20 lakhs between the two figures. Will not the Chief Engineer admit that since there is a reduction of 20 lakhs he could reduce at least 10 per cent. in his establishment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the amount that was estimated in 1105. But what was the expenditure?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It may be lower.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We can see that it was lower.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): We have seen that to our disadvantage. All that I say is that when the 1105 Budget was brought to this Council in 1104, the Chief Engineer was satisfied with this staff knowing fully well that he was bound to execute all the works provided there.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): The Chief Engineer was not satisfied. He considered the staff inadequate.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was any cut made in 1104 in the Chief Engineer's Office when the Budget for 1105 was presented? I do not remember that I have done

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that. When he asked for 72 lakhs under P. W. D. knowing that the department was bound to spend the amount and do good to the country, they were satisfied with this staff.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I suppose some funds must have lapsed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): That has lapsed even in previous years. I will refer to that argument when I speak on my token motion later on. I request the Chief Engineer to reduce at least 10 per cent. of the staff for 1107.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, Mr. Rama Varma Raja suggested that the number of clerks always increases the number of letters. Every officer in charge of an office knows that the easy way to deal with a letter is to write another letter. This is a tendency to be checked by the Head of the office and I do not think that there is any reason to suggest that the administration of the Chief Engineer's Office has been slack in this respect.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): I do not hear anything. So I cannot answer him.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: There is no helping it. We will appeal to Government for an assembly hall where there will be no accoustic difficulties.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The member could go to the front a little more.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): With reference to Mr. Asan's closing remarks, I must point out that the staff had not been increased up till 1105 in proportion to the increase in expenditure. On that ground alone, a possible reduction in the establishment does not necessarily follow on a reduction in the anticipated expenditure for 1107. Apart from that, the strength of establishment cannot vary directly with expenditure, as the investigation of schemes and preparation of estimates, which often take considerable time must go on continuously.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): How many estimates for the construction of bridges which have not been begun are pending in his office?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): There are many estimates in various stages.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): How many complete estimates are there?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): I have not got that information with me. The work of investigation and preparation of schemes and estimates goes on continuously year in and year out; because there is a reduced allotment in any one year we cannot reduce the staff. Again Mr. Asan suggested that the staff could be reduced at this time of economic depression. If he wishes at this time to throw out several people, it will increase the condition of unemployment. More unemployed will be thrown into the market. I simply say that my staff is not too much for the work we have in hand. We want the staff for the present work.

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MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Are there acting men in his office?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : There are several acting men.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : The Chief Engineer was saying that if the clerks are disbanded, they will be without work. Does he know that if this Rs. 3,000 is omitted in the allotment for the office and included under works, there will be work for 60 people instead of 6 men who will be disbanded?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Do you press the motion?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Yes.

The motion was put to the vote and lost.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I demand a poll.

A poll was taken with the following result :—

AYES—18.

1	Mr. K. C. Chandi	12	Mr. K. P. Mahhavan Pillai (*Chirayinkil*)
2	,, A. S. Damodaran Asan	13	,, K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Shertallai*)
3	,, K. Gopalakrisna Pillai	14	,, M. P. Madhavan Pillai
4	,, Joseph Kunju	15	,, K. Narayanaperumal Nadar
5	,, K. P. Kochukora Tarakan	16	,, Rama Varma Raja
6	,, K. Krishnan Nayar	17	,, A. Thanu Pillai and
7	,, E. V. Krishna Pillai	18	,, C. N. Tuppan Namputiripad
8	,, N. K. Krishna Pillai		
9	,, S. Krishna Pillai		
10	,, Tariatu Kunjitomman		
11	,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai		

NOES—24.

1	Mr. M. Govindan	14	Mr. P. Gomatinayakam Pillai
2	,, N. John Joseph	15	,, P. N. Krishna Pillai
3	,, K. Madhavan Pillai	16	,, R. Krishna Pillai
4	,, M. Mahomed Mustapha	17	Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
5	,, P. S. Mahomed	18	Mr. E. G. McAlpine
6	,, L. J. T. Polgreen	19	,, C. O. Madhavan
7	,, R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai	20	,, R. Nilakanta Pillai
8	,, N. A. Sundaram Pillai	21	,, Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai
9	,, O. M. Thomas	22	Dr. K. Raman Tampi
10	,, L. A. Bishop	23	Mr. R. Vaidyalingom Pillai and
11	,, I. C. Chacko	24	,, J. S. Westerdale
12	,, R. Dhanukoti Pillai		
13	,, K. George		

NEUTRALS—6.

1	Mr. K. P. Abraham	4	Mr. K. I. Kocheeppan Mappila
2	,, S. Chattanatha Karayalar	5	,, A. Narayana Pillai
3	,, K. C. Karunakaran	6	,, K. Padmanabha Panikkar

The motion was declared lost, 18 voting *for* the motion, 24 *against* and 6 remaining *Neutral*.

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Motions 2 and 3.

The following motions were not moved :—

Mr. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

2. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 31,478 for clerical and other staff by Re. 1.

MR. K. C. CHANDI :

3. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 31,478 for clerical and other staff by Rs. 5.

Motion 4.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I beg to move the following motion :—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,500 for travelling allowance by Rs. 1,500.

As I said at the general discussion stage—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Here again, Mr. Thanu Pillai—I am sure you will not violate it—the only point that arises is whether the travelling work could be done with Rs. 3,000.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : All that I am going to urge upon the House is that travelling could be done by Rs. 3,000. It is well-known that travelling in these days is much more easy and less expensive than in the days when the rates of travelling were fixed for the officers and establishment. We can travel in a hired motor car with sufficient ease at the rate of 6 annas per mile to-day to and fro. Why a rupee will be necessary for an officer of the Travancore Government, I fail to see. Nobody will be heard to say that travelling is a means of making a profit. Sir, I say that reduction of this Rs. 1,500 is quite a modest proposal and I hope that the other side of the House will willingly accept this proposal and see that this amount is deducted.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : Sir, I extend my most emphatic support to the motion made by my esteemed friend Mr. A. Thanu Pillai. There is a proverb in the English language that with eating grows appetite and the tendency in our public service is for officers to tour—to tour with greater vehemence. The previous motion referred to a cut in the establishment in the Chief Engineer's Office. If that sum were reduced a number of clerks who are getting only a pittance would be subjected to hardship. Here the position is different. The cut proposed deals only with the travelling allowance of officers and travelling could be managed with Rs. 3,000 without any loss of efficiency if only the officers who travel make it a point to do their work properly. No figures are possible. As a matter of psychology, if the officials make it a point not to extend their travelling allowance bill, this amount will be sufficient.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : What guarantee is there that they will not reduce their travel ?

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : The occasion they travel will be few and far between.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Will there not be lesser travelling ?

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MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Either by reducing their travel or by reducing the expenses of their actual travel, in both ways the expenditure should be reduced. It is a time of economic depression and the State should conserve the economic resources of the State.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I rise to oppose the motion. It has been suggested that the Chief Engineer is travelling very much. But I may mention that the whole spirit of the representations made in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and in other places is that the Chief Engineer should tour more. I think it would be a very retrograde step to restrict his movements in any way. There are many reasons which make touring imperative, and there are many reasons which make it impossible to have long touring.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the member has considered the other possibility of less expensive touring?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): I am entitled to certain rates of travelling allowance and propose to draw them so long as I have to travel. In this connection I would say that in the 8 months of last year, I voluntarily surrendered over Rs. 150, on the principle that the travelling allowance should not be a source of profit. I have to cover the maintenance of a car and the expenses of touring, which I shall not have to incur if I were at the headquarters. Again the travelling allowance has to cover wear and tear. I have been 145 days on tour since I came here. I think it is fairly creditable, with committees, Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, this Council and also various other occasions when I had to be at the headquarters in touch with the members of the Secretariat. And then of the 145 days on tour I did 80 miles in one day, there was one tour of 19 days, two tours of 12 days, one tour of 11 days, three tours of 10 days, one tour of 9 days, two tours of 7 days, three tours of 4 days, two tours of 3 days, one tour of 2 days and 18 tours of one day.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): What is the longest distance which the Chief Engineer travelled from one point to another?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot be sure, but I think my longest tour in one day was from Peermade to Trivandrum.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): May I ask whether he inspected any places between Peermade and Trivandrum?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): The whole place every inch of the road.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Did he stop any where or inspect Sub-Divisional Offices or Divisional Offices?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): I must say honestly that I did not inspect Sub-Divisional or Divisional Offices. I inspected other places. Without referring to my Diary I cannot speak with certainty now.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Did he inspect any work other than reconnoitring the road? Well, the road between Trivandrum and

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Peermade, I do understand is very beautiful. Other than that did the Chief Engineer do any inspection work?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I should explain that I generally follow the definite system in arranging tours, of doing all inspection on the outward journey and returning to Headquarters in rapid marches.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Has he travelled by the Kottarakara to Trivandrum road recently?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I deliberately travelled over that road in order to find out its condition after the heavy rains early in June.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : When did he travel?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : It was on the 8th June, if I remember right, when we had that storm which washed away the bridge on that road I travelled over the road within a month of that date.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikpalli*) : I wish to know whether any improvements have been effected on that road as a result of his travel?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I can certainly tell the member that there has been a definite improvement in the road as a result of the inspection notes which I wrote after passing over it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Your time is up, Mr. Westerdale.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): സർ, മി: താണുപിള്ള ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ച ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ ഹാർദ്ദമായി അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. സാമ്പത്തികാധഃപ്പതനം ഈ സംസ്ഥാനത്തു മാത്രമല്ല ലോകം ഒട്ടുക്കു തന്നെ ബാധിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള അനാവശ്യമായ ചിലവു കുറക്കണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ യാത്രച്ചിലവു കുറെ കുറയ്ക്കാമെന്നു ഫിനാൻഷ്യൽ സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ തന്നെ കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. ആ സ്ഥിതിക്കു ഈ തുക കുറയ്ക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ഈ അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ മി: താണുപിള്ളയുടെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഹാർദ്ദമായി പിൻതാങ്ങിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, I do not think that there is any reason for me to change my opinion even after hearing the Chief Engineer. I think I heard him say that he made a reduction of Rs. 150 from the amount of travelling allowance he could claim last year.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I am very glad he made that reduction. I think other officers will also act similarly.

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : There is one officer in my department who made a reduction of over Rs. 150 in *one* bill.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : That is very good news.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT ; But the one is a voluntary surrender and the other is a compulsory confiscation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : However the fact that he made that surrender is very good. I understand that he will not take anything that is not strictly necessary.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The suggestion underlying his speech is that you must leave it to the good sense of the officers.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Knowing our officers as I do, I think we cannot leave it to the good sense of our officers. I heard the Chief Engineer saying that in the long tour from Trivandrum to Peermade, he went on inspecting the road.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That was on his return journey from Peermade to Trivandrum.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : He did not say that.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I usually do my inspections on the way out and return in one day. That is the system on which I prepare my tour programme.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : On his way from Trivandrum to Peermade he made inspections and returned straight off.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Whatever that be, I have to stick to my position that travelling is cheaper now than before and a reduction of one third of the amount will not be too much.

One of the suggestions made by my friends is that the method of doing smaller number of inspections may be resorted to. I am not exactly for that. It has to be left to the discretion of the officers to decide when they should inspect and when they should not. Apart from that I cannot say whether they have been inspecting a work twice before they should be satisfied with one inspection hereafter. I want to emphasise the point that the rate should be reduced, I do not say that less touring should be done. An equal amount of touring should be done for less cost. That is my view.

The rates should be reduced. I do not say that less touring should be done. Sir, I know some of our officers going to Quilon and returning on the same day and the next day to Karunagapalli. Even some of the very high paid officers whose conduct ought to be a model for others are guilty of this kind of mis-conduct. I do not want to refer to them because I am not dealing with those departments now. We cannot rely upon the good sense or discretion of these officers. The inspection and controlling work done by the Chief Engineer is not at all efficient.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Anything new to add, Mr. Westerdale ?

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Mr. Thanu Pillai's main argument is in favour of reduction of rates. That is a matter for the Government to decide and in my case it is for the Government of Madras to decide whether there should be any reduction in the rates and then a reduction in the expenditure will automatically follow. There is one particular reason why I say that there should not be any reduction in my travelling allowance this year. I have just been made a member on the Cochin Conservancy Board. The place is very inaccessible. I think in the interest of the State I should attend as many meetings as I can possibly do and there is one meeting held every month.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Why do you not charge it under a separate heading?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): All my travelling allowance comes under one heading.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Is it in the covenant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the rule. He is under covenant and his T. A. is fixed in it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Under the terms of your agreement are you not entitled to the Madras Special travelling allowance rates under the Government of India Foreign Service Rules?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): But that is not seen in the Civil List supplied to us.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: These covenants are all omitted in the Civil list?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): With regard to officers who are lent we do not embody it in the Civil List. But with regard to other servants they are embodied.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Any change in your view, Mr. Thanu Pillai?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): No change, because the points raised by me are not met by the Chief Engineer.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: No argument please.

The motion to reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,500 for travelling allowance by Rs. 1,500 was then put to the vote of the House and carried 28 voting for and 15 against. (*Laughter in the gallery*)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: (*turning to the gallery*) That is very undesirable.

Motion 5.

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,500 for travelling allowance by Rs 5.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAAN (*Kunnatnad*): സർ, ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയരുടെ യാത്രച്ചിലവിനുള്ള ൪,൫൦൦ രൂപായിൽ നിന്നും ൫ രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ് എന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപം. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ വടക്കേഅറ്റത്തു കിടക്കുന്നതായ കുന്നത്തുനാട് താലൂക്കിൽ യാത്രാ സൌകര്യം തീരെയില്ല.

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MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. I doubt very much whether the question of communications will come under a motion relating to travelling allowance.

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയരുടെ യാത്രയുടെ അഭാവംകൊണ്ടാണ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു വേണ്ട സൌകര്യം കിട്ടാത്തതെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What is your difficulty? We are now dealing with direction. The Chief Engineer is concerned with directing all the work in connection with communications as well.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The debate on a token motion must be relevant to the total allotment sought to be reduced. That is a question of relevancy.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Has that been the procedure that you have been following all along?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If the member is going to say that because the Chief Engineer was not travelling, communications did not increase. Then is he relevant?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): That depends upon how he puts it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: In any event I allowed him to speak and your objection came late.

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ ഇവിടെവന്നു ചാർജ്ജെടുത്തശേഷം രണ്ടുതവണയോ മറൊ ആലുവാവരെ വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അറിവ്. അദ്ദേഹം ആലുവാവന്നക്യാമ്പുഷെഡ്ഡിൽ താമസിച്ചതല്ലാതെ അവിടെയുള്ള റോഡുകളുടെ സ്ഥിതിഗതികളെപ്പറ്റിയോ സഞ്ചാരസൌകര്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റിയൊ അന്വേഷിച്ചതായി തോന്നുന്നില്ല. ആലുവായിൽ അദ്ദേഹം വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി മനസ്സിലായി ഞാൻ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ കാണാനായിപോയപ്പോൾ എനിക്കു കാണാൻ സാധിക്കാതെവന്നു. ജനങ്ങളേയൊ ജനപ്രതിനിധികളേയൊ കണ്ടു സംസാരിക്കാൻ സൌകര്യംകൊടുക്കാതെ ടി. എ. വാങ്ങിക്കാൻവേണ്ടിമാത്രം യാത്രചെയ്യുന്നതു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വലിയ സങ്കടകരമാണ്. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ നദിയായ പെരിയാർ ഫാറസ്റ്റ് കൺസർവേറ്ററുടെ അധികാരാതൃത്തിയിലുൾപ്പെട്ട സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും പുറപ്പെട്ടു ജനങ്ങൾ തിങ്ങിപാർക്കുന്ന ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽക്കൂടെ ഒഴുകി ആലുവാനഗരത്തിന്റെ മദ്ധ്യേക്കൂടി പോയിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. ഈ നദി കടക്കാൻ ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് ഒരു പഴയ ചങ്ങാടവും രണ്ടു കടത്തുവള്ളവുമല്ലാതെ മറൊരു മാർഗ്ഗവുമില്ല. കന്യാകുമാരിമുതൽ വടക്കോട്ടു മേട്ടാറിൽ

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ഫർന്യാംമയിൽ കുറിക്കട്ടുത്തു ചെല്ലുന്നതുവരെ ചങ്ങാടത്തിന്റെയൊ വള്ളത്തിന്റെയൊ ആവശ്യമില്ലാതെ യാത്രചെയ്യാം. എന്നാൽ അതുയും വന്നുകഴിഞ്ഞാൽ ചങ്ങാടത്തിന്റെ സഹായംകൂടാതെ, കടത്തുകടക്കാതെ, വടക്കോട്ടുപോകാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. പെരിയാറിൽക്കൂടി വർഷകാലങ്ങളിൽ അക്കരെയ്ക്കും ഇക്കരെയ്ക്കും കടക്കാൻ വളരെ പ്രയാസമാണ്. എൻജിനീയർഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽ നിന്നും വേനൽകാലത്തു ബണ്ടു് ഇട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും വർഷകാലത്തു് അതുകൊണ്ടു പ്രയോജനമൊന്നുമില്ല. വർഷകാലത്തെ ഒഴുക്കിന്റെശക്തി കൊണ്ടും ചത്ത മൃഗങ്ങളും മറും ഒഴുക്കിൽക്കൂടി ധാരാളം വരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടും ചങ്ങാടം അപകടം കൂടാതെ അക്കരെ ഇക്കരെ കടത്താൻ കടത്തുകാർ പോലും ധൈര്യപ്പെടുന്നില്ല.

മറു പല താലൂക്കു കാരെ പോലെ കുന്നത്തുനാട്ടുതാലൂക്കുകാക്കും ജില്ലാക്കോടതിയിൽ പോകണമെങ്കിൽ പറവൂരേക്കു പോകണം. അതിലേക്കു് ആലുവാ പുഴകടക്കാതെ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. റയിൽവേക്കാരോടു ഏർപ്പാടുചെയ്തു റയിൽവേ പാലത്തിൽ പലക ഇടിയിച്ചാൽ അതു വഴി വടക്കെക്കരയ്ക്കു കടക്കാം. അവിടെനിന്നും യൂനിയൻകാളേജിന്റെ സമീപത്തു് ഒരു ചെറിയപാലം കെട്ടിമറെറ ആലുവാ — പറവൂർറോഡുമായി കൂട്ടിഘടിപ്പിച്ചാൽ ആലുവാനിന്നും പറവൂരേക്കും അവിടേനിന്നും വടക്കോട്ടും പോകാൻ സാധിക്കും. ഈ സംഗതിയെപ്പററി നിയമസഭയിലും പ്രജാസഭയിലും പലതും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതാണു്. ഈ ജോലി മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റി ചെയ്യട്ടെ എന്നാണു ഗവണ്മെൻറു പറയുന്നതു്. എന്നാൽ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി ചെയ്യേണ്ടതായ പല സംഗതികളും ഗവണ്മെൻറുതന്നെ ഏറ്റെടുത്തുനടത്തുന്നുണ്ടു വടക്കൻതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ ആവശ്യം മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി വഹിക്കട്ടെ എന്നുപറയുന്നതു ഒരിക്കലും ശരിയല്ല. ർ o o മയിൽ ചുററളവുള്ള കുന്നത്തുനാട്ടുതാലൂക്കിൽ നു o o മയിൽ റോഡേ ഒള്ളു. ഇതിൽ ഫനു o മയിലോളം വണ്ടി പോകുന്നതുമല്ല. കുന്നത്തുനാട്ടുതാലൂക്കിലെ പല വടിയപകുതികളിലും റോഡിന്റെ അഭാവംകൊണ്ടു സഞ്ചാരസൌകര്യം വളരെ മോശമാണു്. സർക്കാർ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ കണ്ടിട്ടില്ലാത്ത പലസ്ഥലങ്ങളും കുന്നത്തുനാട്ടുതാലൂക്കിലുണ്ടു്. അതിനു കാരണം റോഡുകളുടെ അഭാവമാണു്. അതിനാൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറു് ആലുവായിലും എം. സി. റോഡിലും പാലങ്ങളും എത്രയുംവേഗത്തിലുണ്ടാക്കിത്തീർക്കയും യാത്രാസൌകര്യം വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചുതീർക്കയും ചെയ്യണം.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ ശരിയായി സക്കിട്ട ചെയ്താൽ ഈ സൌകര്യമെല്ലാം നിങ്ങൾക്കു കിട്ടുമായിരുന്നു എന്നാണോ പറയുന്നത്?

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): അതേ, അദ്ദേഹം സക്കീട്ടശരിയായി ചെയ്തിരുന്നാൽ തങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള അസൌകര്യം അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു മനസ്സിലാക്കാമായിരുന്നു.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is perfectly relevant Mr. Parameswaran Pillai.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I do not think that Kunnatnad is so badly off in respect of roads compared with the rest of the State as the member makes it out. At the same time I recognise the need for more roads in other parts of the State and nobody regrets more than I do the inability to spare money for this purpose this year. In the Kunnatnad taluk there are at present 130 miles of main road, 82 miles of village roads, 20 miles of traces and 1 mile of canal. This constitutes about ·64 of a mile of road per square mile of territory. The highest we have reached anywhere in the State is one mile per square mile. I do not think they are so badly off in the matter of roads as the member pointed out.

With regard to the bridge over the Periyar at Kaladi that was one of the first problems that came to my notice when I came to the State. There ought to have been a bridge there nearly 50 years ago and more. But it is not there to-day. But I discovered that there was a great deal of difference of opinion as to where the bridge should be constructed. There are obviously two possibilities in getting out of Travancore on the north. One is through Alwaye and the other is through Perumbavoor.

Owing to the fact that the bridge at Alwaye would open up the country in Parur, that seems to be the best route. But that involves two bridges as there are two branches of the river there. The alternatives are then the construction of two bridges between Alwaye and Angamali or one bridge between Perumbavur and Angamali. Either proposition would be expensive. On the top of that we have the possibility of converting the Railway bridge into a road bridge. That has been done in the Cochin State and in other parts of the country. When I heard that there was a proposal for converting the narrow railway guage from Shoranoor to Alwaye into a broad guage, I wrote to the Agent to the Railway Company and asked him whether the possibility of converting it at the same time into a road bridge, could be considered. I had the reply that the matter will be considered and that they will let me know in due course. The necessity of a road bridge in north Travancore is admitted and I hope before I leave the State one of these three propositions will be carried out. I do not know how far the Government will accept the suggestions which I have made. Government are making an experiment in this year's Budget to construct bridges on the basis of remunerative enterprise. That is to say to have

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a toll gate for the purpose of the bridge itself. I believe that is the policy on which the construction of the Neriamangalam bridge has been sanctioned. I feel that no body will object to pay one rupee for crossing that wide river in preference to being carried over in a jungar. It remains to be seen whether it will be a success or not. If it is a success in the case of that bridge, I do not see why we should not carry on the policy in a large number of places where bridges are required. In that case even should this State adopt the general abolition of toll gates on roads these special bridge toll gates might have to remain.

As for the work for the coming year there is a provision of 13,500 rupees for the improvement of communication in the Kunnatnad taluk besides a grant of 29,990 rupees for maintenance of the existing roads. That taluk has got a fair share of the provision in the Budget. I am afraid this year I cannot offer anything more.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: In view of the explanation given by the Chief Engineer, do you press your motion, Mr. Tarakan ?

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): No sir.

The motion was, withdrawn with leave.

Motions 6, 7 and 8.

The following motions were not moved :—

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :

6. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,500 for travelling allowance by Rs. 10.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM :

7. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,500 for travelling allowance by Rs. 25.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

8. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,849 for office expenses and Miscellaneous by Rs. 649.

Motion 9.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, I beg to move the following motion :—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,274 for Direction by Re. 1.

Sir, my object in making this motion is to bring to the notice of the House the inefficient manner in which Public Works Department is now directed. Sir, we have been asking the Government and requesting the department to expedite the public works which are absolutely necessary for the development of the country. I asked the Chief Engineer as to the number of estimates which have been completely ready for the carrying out of the work and which are now pending before him. Works which have been included in the Budget during the last two or three years do not find a place in this years' Budget. I think that it is due to the Chief Engineer that he has not sufficiently pressed that matter before the Government. Sir, for most of these works estimates are ready, Government sanction have been obtained and they are urgently needed even according to the information of the

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[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

department. We will find that some of them are included under works in progress in 1106. I do not know what progress was made. Even most of these works are omitted in the Budget of this year. There is a bridge in my taluk, Mavelikara, provision for which was made in the Budgets for 1104, 1105 and 1106. Estimate and everything were ready in 1106. But I think owing to some extraordinary expenditure incurred in connection with the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy it was stopped. In 1106 unfortunately or fortunately temperance or prohibition movement deprived us of that benefit. In 1107 due to the prediction of the Government revenue due to the fall in prices, they are not providing for that work in the Budget just like the baby in the 'Sandanagopala'. I asked the Government why they did not spend the money allotted for that work in 1105 by means of an interpellation. The answer was that they will provide for that in the Budget of 1106. Truly they provided for it in the Budget for 1106. But they have not spent it, and they have not provided for it in 1107. This is how they carry out their promises. I do not know whether the Chief Engineer has gone and inspected the foundations of a building which were laid some 12 years ago for a girls' school in Puthiakavu. For another high school, for girls in Mavelikara, some money has been spent in 1104. There was some crack in the way and the work could not be carried out, some way or other. You will find that more than ten thousand rupees has been spent there and the work has not been proceeded with for the last 2 years. This will look like the relics of some ancient well-to-do families which have gone to ruin and which are not able to carry out schemes started during times of affluence. Does this do credit to the department and whom can I blame except the Chief Engineer? The Chief Engineer was saying that the Kunnatnad taluk is possessed of a number of miles of road. Though my friend was grumbling I was envying him. My taluk of Kartikapalli has got only 26 miles of roads.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: And canals?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Canals through which these boats and traffic could not be carried on.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Back-waters?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Of course during very stormy and rainy seasons it is impossible to safely pass through these. Most of the canals are silted up and we asked the Government to improve them. They allot some money and do something. But we do not derive the advantage out of the expenditure incurred by the Government. To-day when I referred to the Statistics I found that the Kartikapalli taluk is the taluk which possesses the least mileage of roads. The learned Chief Engineer was saying that in the Kunnatnad taluk there was—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: One mile of road for every square mile.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Should we not take population also into consideration?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He went by the area of the locality.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What I have to say is if we are to go by the area basis alone probably a lot of money must be spent at Devicolam and Peermade to satisfy a few people there. We should not go by the area basis. These are the difficulties we experience in Kartikapalli. He has not provided funds even for an inch of road for Kartikapalli in 1107, though we have got only 26 miles of roads. He says that there is no money. He can tell the Government "I have got so much staff and you must provide work for them or send them away." So in regard to this 'Direction' what I have to say is that there is much inefficiency and the House must consider this matter very seriously.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): സർ, ഞാനും ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. ഏതൊരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറും ശ്രേയസ്കരമാംവണ്ണം നയിക്കണമെങ്കിൽ ജനങ്ങളുടെ അഭിപ്രായങ്ങളെ ശരിയായി അറിഞ്ഞു തദനുസരണം കാര്യങ്ങൾ നടത്താൻ അധികാരികൾ സന്നദ്ധന്മാരാകണം ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയരാകട്ടെ രാജ്യത്തിൻെറ പലഭാഗങ്ങളിലും സഞ്ചരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ജനങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും ഓരോ താലൂക്കിൻെറയും യഥാർത്ഥ ആവശ്യങ്ങളെ നേരിട്ടറിയുന്നതിനോ അതിനനുസരിച്ചു ഓരോ താലൂക്കിലേയും കാര്യങ്ങൾ ശരിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനോ സന്നദ്ധനായി കാണുന്നില്ല. ജനപ്രതിനിധികളോ മറുമാന്യപൌരന്മാരോ ചെന്നു സംഗതികൾ പറയുവാൻ ഒരുമ്പെട്ടാൽ അദ്ദേഹം സമയംഅനുവദിക്കുന്നില്ല. കീഴിലുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർപറയുന്നതുപോലെകേട്ടു അതനുസരിച്ചുനടത്തുന്നതെല്ലാം നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നൊരു തെറ്റിദ്ധാരണ അദ്ദേഹത്തിൽ കടന്നുകൂടിയിരിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ തോന്നുന്നു. ഇതു ജനപ്രതിനിധികൾക്കു ഏറക്കുറെഅറിയാവുന്ന ഒരുസംഗതിയാണ്. അഥവാ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ കാണുന്നതിനു ജനപ്രതിനിധികളെ അനുവദിച്ചാൽതന്നെയും സംഗതികൾ പറയുവാൻ അവസരം നൽകുകയില്ല. അത്ര വലിയ ജോലിത്തിരക്കദ്ദേഹത്തിനുണ്ടോ? ചീഫ് സനൽ അസിസ്റ്റൻറുണ്ട്; ഓരോഡിവിഷനിലും എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് എൻജിനീയർമാരുണ്ട്. അവർ ജോലികൾ നടത്താനാണല്ലൊ. ഓരോ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാരും ജനങ്ങളുടെഅഭിപ്രായം അറിഞ്ഞു കാര്യങ്ങൾ നിർവഹിക്കാൻ ഒരുക്കമുള്ളവരായിതന്നെയിരിക്കണം. അതിനു തയ്യാറില്ലെങ്കിൽ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ പണം ശമ്പളം വാങ്ങിക്കൊണ്ടു രാജ്യസേവനത്തിനു വരേണ്ട.

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[Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.]

ഇനി ചീഫ്എൻജനീയക്കു ഒരു വിഷമം കൂടിയുണ്ട്. അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു ഈ നാട്ടിലെ ഭാഷ അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. നാട്ടുഭാഷ അറിയാൻവയ്യാത്തവരാണ് നമ്മുടെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെങ്കിൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വലിയ വിഷമമുണ്ടാകും. ഇവിടെ ഫ ഠ ഥ-ന ഭ പേക്കുപോലും ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ നാട്ടംപുറത്തുകാക്കു ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് വളരെ കുറവാണ്. അവർക്കാണു ഗതാഗത സൌകര്യം അധികം ആവശ്യമുള്ളതു്. ജനസാമാന്യത്തോടു ചോദിച്ചുതന്നെ അവരുടെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ അറിയണം. അതിനു അദ്ദേഹം സന്നദ്ധനുമല്ല. അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു നാട്ടുഭാഷാപരിജ്ഞാനമില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു അതിനു നിവൃത്തിയുമില്ല. ബ്രിട്ടീഷ്ജില്ലകളിലെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ നാട്ടുഭാഷ അറിഞ്ഞിരിക്കണമെന്നു വ്യവസ്ഥയുണ്ട്. ആ വ്യവസ്ഥ ഇവിടെയും ഇതിനു മുമ്പുണ്ടായിരുന്നുഎന്നാണു എന്റെ വിശ്വാസം. എന്നാൽ ആ വ്യവസ്ഥയ്ക്കധീനന്മാരായിട്ടല്ല ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരിൽ പലരേയും ഇവിടെ കാണുന്നതു്. പോലീസു കമ്മീഷണർ വിദേശിയാണു്. അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു നാട്ടുഭാഷ കുറെ അറിയാം. അതുഇവിടെ വന്നുപഠിച്ചതായിരിക്കാം. അതുപോലെ ചീഫ്എൻജിനീയരും നാട്ടുഭാഷപഠിക്കണം. അതിനദ്ദേഹം തയ്യാറില്ലെങ്കിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെസ്ഥാനം ദയാപൂർവ്വം ഒഴിഞ്ഞെങ്കിലും തരണം (ചിരി.) ഓരോതാലൂക്കുകളിലും സഞ്ചരിക്കുമ്പോൾ ജനങ്ങളുടെ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾ എന്തെല്ലാമാണു്; അതു് ഏതെല്ലാം തരത്തിലാണു് നിവൃത്തിക്കേണ്ടതെന്നു, ജനങ്ങളോടുതന്നെ ചോദിച്ചറിയേണ്ട കടമയുള്ളപ്പോൾ ജനങ്ങൾ തന്നെ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ കണ്ടു കാര്യങ്ങൾ അറിയിക്കാൻ പോകുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ അതിനു സമയം കൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതു എത്ര കഷ്ടമായിരിക്കും. ചീഫ്എൻജിനീയർ നല്ലൊരെൻജിനീയറാണെന്നാണു ജനാഭിപ്രായം.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): അതെങ്ങനെ മനസ്സിലാക്കി?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): അദ്ദേഹം എൻജിനീയറിങ്ങിൽ വിദഗ്ദ്ധനാണെന്നു അദ്ദേഹത്തെ വരുത്തുമ്പോഴെകേട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഭരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു പോകുന്നതിനുള്ള പ്രാപ്തിയും ശാസ്ത്രജ്ഞാനവും അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു നല്ലവണ്ണമുണ്ടു്. എട്ടിലെ പശു പുല്ലുതിന്നും എന്നു പറയുന്നതുപോലെ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ശാസ്ത്രജ്ഞാനം കൊണ്ടുവിശേഷമൊന്നുമില്ല. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ താഴെയുള്ള എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ്

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എൻജിനീയർമാരും അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് എൻജിനീയർമാരും ഏതുതരത്തിൽ പെരുമാറുന്നു; അവർ പണം വല്ല വിധവും അപഹരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ; കൺട്രാക്ടർമാരോട് കമ്മീഷൻ എടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ; അവർ ചെയ്യുന്ന ജോലി ജനങ്ങൾക്കു പ്രയോജനകരവും ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ നിശ്ചയമനുസരിച്ചു മാണോ എന്നൊക്കെ അറിയണമെങ്കിൽ ജനങ്ങളോട് ചോദിക്കാതെ തരമില്ലല്ലോ. "ഞങ്ങൾ അപഹരിക്കുന്നു; കൈക്കൂലിവാങ്ങുന്നു എന്നു' കീഴുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ നേരിട്ടു പറയാൻ ഇടയില്ല. എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് എൻജിനീയർമാരും അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് എൻജിനീയർമാരും നാലും അഞ്ചും കൊല്ലം ഒരിടത്തുതന്നെ ഇരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിനിടയിൽ രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ ചീഫ് എൻജനീയർമാർ മാറിപ്പോകുന്നു. ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ സ്ഥലംമാറ്റേണ്ടകാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ ശ്രദ്ധ പ്രത്യേകം പതിയേണ്ടതാണ്.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : Sir, I support the motion brought forward by Mr. Damodaran Asan and I will point out similar defects in the direction of the present Chief Engineer. A bridge and a road, in my constituency, provisions for which were made in the Budget of the last year were left out in the present Budget. I do not know why they were left out. They were included in the Budget after years' of agitation from the time of the institution of the S. M. P. Assembly. I refer to the Kuttichirapadam bridge and the road from Parur to Kuriapalli. The necessity for these works was brought to the notice of the Government and the Chief Engineer, many a time by means of petitions and representations and it was only last year that they received any attention at the hands of the Government. I regret to have to say that the Chief Engineer surrendered the provision, although there was no financial depression, last year; And this year he had not even the courtesy to include it in the Budget. I am therefore constrained to say that the Chief Engineer has no definite policy in allotting works to the various taluks and the reason, it seems to me, is that he is not travelling sufficiently in out-of-the way places, trying to find out the needs of the people at first hand. Had he done so he would not have omitted such important works in my taluk.

In respect of the mileage of roads, my taluk comes the third from the last. Kartikapalli gets 26 miles of road and Parur gets 30 miles. The Chief Engineer ought therefore to provide us first with the necessary miles of road before he provides other taluks with roads. We have got a right to request him and to insist upon our grievances being redressed first. It is to bring to the notice of the Government this fact that I speak on the motion.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): സർ, മിസ്റ്റർ ആശാൻെറ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ ബലമായി പിൻതാങ്ങിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു. ഇതിൻെറ

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[Mr. P. S. Mahomed.]

ഉദ്ദേശം ആലപ്പുഴയും അതിന്റെ അടുത്ത പ്രദേശങ്ങളിലും ഉള്ള ഗതാഗതസൌകര്യത്തിനു വേണ്ടി ചെയ്യേണ്ടതായ ചില സംഗതികളെ ഈ സഭയുടെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരിക എന്നുള്ളതാകുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ. വാട്സ് ദിവാൻജിയായിരുന്ന കാലത്തു അദ്ദേഹം ആലപ്പുഴയിൽ വന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ വാടത്തോടിന്റെ പടിഞ്ഞാറെ അറ്റത്തു അതായതു ഇപ്പോൾ തടി ഡിപ്പോ ആയി ഉപയോഗിച്ചുവരുന്നതായ സ്ഥലത്തു ഒരു പാലം കെട്ടേണ്ടതായ ആവശ്യകതയെ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ കാണിച്ചു മനസ്സിലാക്കിക്കൊടുത്തതിന്റെ ഫലമായും അതിനെ തുടർന്നു അവിടെ നിന്നും പ്രജാസഭയിൽ വന്നിട്ടുള്ള പല മെമ്പറന്മാരും തുടരെ പ്രജാസഭയിൽ വാദിച്ചതിന്റെ ഫലമായും ആ പാലത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യത്തിലേയ്ക്കായി ഗവണ്മെൻറു പണം അനുവദിച്ചു എന്നാണു എന്റെ വിശ്വാസം. ഇങ്ങനെ പണം അനുവദിച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടു കാലം കുറെ ആയി. കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തെ ബഡ്ജറിലെങ്കിലും അതിലേയ്ക്കു പണം ചേർക്കും എന്നാണു ഞാൻ വിചാരിച്ചിരുന്നതു്. എന്നാൽ കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലത്തിൽ മാത്രമല്ല ഇക്കൊല്ലത്തെ ബഡ്ജറിലും അതിലേയ്ക്കു പണം അനുവദിച്ചു കാണുന്നില്ല. അടുത്ത കൊല്ലത്തെ ബഡ്ജറിലെങ്കിലും ഈ സംഗതി വിസ്മരിച്ചു പോകരുതേ എന്നാണു് എനിയ്ക്കാദ്യമായിട്ടു ഇവിടെ പ്രതിപാദിയ്ക്കാനുള്ളതു്.

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): വാടത്തോടിൽ അക്കരയും ഇക്കരയും കടക്കുന്നതിലേയ്ക്കായിട്ടു എത്ര പാലങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടു്?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ആലപ്പുഴ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലേയ്ക്കു ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനമായിരിക്കുന്ന പട്ടണമായിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്കു....

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): അതൊന്നും ഞാൻ ചോദിക്കുന്നില്ല; ഇപ്പോൾ അവിടെ എത്ര പാലങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടു് എന്നു മാത്രം പറഞ്ഞാൽ മതി.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): വാടത്തോട്ടിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ നാലു പാലങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടു്.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഇപ്പോൾ ഉള്ള പാലം കൊണ്ടു തീരെ മതിയാകുന്നില്ല എന്നറിയാമല്ലോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): മതിയാകുന്നില്ല എന്നറിയാം. ജനങ്ങൾ ധാരാളമായിട്ടു സഞ്ചരിയ്ക്കുണ്ടു സ്ഥലമായതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ പാലങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടു തീരേമതിയാകുന്നില്ല.

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MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): വാടത്തോട്ടിനു എ ത്ര മയിൽ നീളമുണ്ട്, ഉദ്ദേശം പറഞ്ഞാൽമതി?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): മൂന്നുമയിലിൽ കുറയാതെവരും.

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): നാല് പാലം ഉ ണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ, അവ തമ്മിലുള്ള അകലം എന്താണ്?

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): ഇനി എത്ര പാലംകൂടിവേണം?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഒരു പാലംകൂടിവേണം.

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഒരു പാലം മാത്രം മതിയോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഒരു പാലം അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടു ണ്ടെങ്കിലും അതു പണിയിച്ചുതന്നിട്ടില്ല. ബൈറോഡുകളെസംബന്ധിച്ചി ട്ടുള്ളഭാരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ വയ്ക്കാതെ മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റിതന്നെ നടത്തി വരികയാണ്. ആ സ്ഥിതിക്കു ഗവണ്മെൻറു ചെയ്യേണ്ടതായ ചുമതല എങ്കിലും വേണ്ടവിധത്തിൽ നിറ്വഹിക്കേണ്ടതല്ലെ. ആലപ്പുഴ ഒരു പാല ത്തിൻെറ ആവശ്യകത, അതു ഒരു കച്ചവടകേന്ദ്രമാണെന്നു മന സ്സിലാക്കുന്നവക്കു അറിയാൻ വിഷമമുണ്ടെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. അനേ കം സാധനങ്ങൾ റോഡുവഴിയായിട്ടും തോടുവഴിയായിട്ടും തോട്ടിൻെറ രണ്ടുകരകളിലും വന്നുചേരുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ആലപ്പുഴപ്പട്ടണ ത്തിൽ കച്ചവടത്തിനുള്ള സഞ്ചാരസൌകര്യം അധികവും കരമാർഗ്ഗമായി ട്ടാണൊ, ജലമാർഗ്ഗമായിട്ടാണൊ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): രണ്ടുമാർഗ്ഗവും ഉണ്ട്. അതി നാൽ തോടുകളും റോഡുകളും ഞങ്ങൾക്കത്യാവശ്യമാകുന്നു.

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇവയിൽ പ്രാ ധാന്യം ജലമാർഗ്ഗത്തിനല്ലെ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ആലപ്പുഴപ്പട്ടണത്തെസംബ ന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഒന്നിനേക്കാൾ മറെറാന്നിനു പ്രാധാന്യംകൊടുക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ആയതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ പാലം ഞങ്ങൾക്കു് ഉടനടി തീ ർത്തുകിട്ടണം. ചേർത്തല കൃനാലിൽനിന്നും വടക്കോട്ടുപോകുന്നസ്ഥലത്തു കൊമ്മാടിപ്പാലം എന്നൊരുപാലം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ചേർത്തലത്തോട്ടു വെ ട്ടിയതോടുകൂടി ആ പാലം അസ്തമിച്ചുപോയി. അനേകായിരം ജനങ്ങൾ ഗതാഗതംചെയ്യുന്ന ഒരു സ്ഥലമാണ് ഈ ഭാഗം. ഈ സംഗതി പല കാലമായി ഗവണ്മെൻറുശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിയ്ക്കുയാണ്.

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ആലപ്പുഴ-മണ്ണഞ്ചേരിറോഡിനെ ബന്ധിക്കുന്നതായ ഒരു റോഡിന്റെ ഉപയോഗം പ്രയോജനപ്പെടണമെങ്കിൽ ഈ പാലം തീരാതെനിവത്തിയില്ല. ഇതിനംപുറമെ ഈ തോട്ടുവഴി ദിവസംപ്രതി അനവധി ആളുകൾ സഞ്ചരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിനാൽ ആ പാലവും ഉടനടി തീർത്തുതരണം.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Sir, I support the motion brought forward by Mr. Damodaran Asan and in doing so I must say I am in perfect agreement with the remarks made by my esteemed friend Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman, that the head of the Public Works Department must get into very close and cordial touch with the representatives of the people. I, for my own part, am thankful to Mr. Westerdale for bearing the white man's burden in this dull and distant land. But I am entitled to demand that he must bear it to our entire satisfaction. I thought, at least after being elected a member of this Council, I would have occasion to get into touch with some of the heads of departments in Travancore, not for any private applications as some others might be tempted to do, but to discuss questions of policy that are of paramount importance to the people of this country. I am sorry to say that I never had that opportunity—it was not due to any fault of mine.

Mr. Westerdale happens to be the Chairman of the Minor Irrigation Committee and the Committee in its usual course sent a programme of its itinerary to me. I wanted to call on Mr. Westerdale who I thought would be present in the Kottayam T. B. The Secretary of the Minor Irrigation Committee informed me there to my utter astonishment that he had better work elsewhere and that he was not in a position to attend the proceedings of the Committee. I made another ineffective attempt to call on him on his return journey which I was told would take place three days later. That attempt proved equally abortive and I gave up the task for the time being. I thought I could meet him in the Council and I am very glad I met him after all.

Now, Sir, if the public Works Department is to justify its very appellation certainly it must get into touch with the representatives of the people of this country. I believe I am not very outlandish and Mr. Westerdale will certainly allow me every reasonable chance of meeting him and discussing with him the policy of his department.

In this connection I have also to point out that the manner in which the urgency of the local needs is gauged is not at all satisfactory. For one thing, the allotment for original works in the Kottayam Division is absolutely inadequate and most disappointing. I have got a motion to that effect and I will deal with the question when I speak on that motion. Now I support Mr. Damodaran Asan's motion on the ground that the Chief Engineer must make himself more accessible to the representatives of the people.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Sir, in supporting the motion of Mr. Damodaran Asan for this token cut, I wish to point out some of the needs of the Quilon Division. But before doing that may I express my satisfaction,—whatever may be the faults that we may have to point out with regard to his administration, at the frank way in which the Chief Engineer has expressed what he has to say to this Council. (Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai : *Hear, hear.*) I very much appreciate that, Sir, and whatever may be the opposition that we have to put up in regard to the T. A. of the Chief Engineer let me assure him that it was not without a wrench that we proposed the cut. I saw the Financial Secretary surreptitiously telling him that he need not at all fear, since he was a covenanted officer.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You ought not to have taken notice of that. It was not meant for public consumption. And you would not be dealing fairly with the Financial Secretary, if you take the House into your confidence in regard to what he said in private to the Chief Engineer.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Whatever that be, Sir, I do not think Mr. Westerdale will feel quite satisfied even though he gets the T. A. that we have cut. It is not in the money that the sting lies but in the fact that the House has shown its protest. That protest he will surely take to heart, being a man who comes from a country which cherishes institutions of this kind.

What I want to point out with regard to the Quilon Division is that the provision for the Division in the Budget of the P. W. D. for this year is very indadequate. For original works, only Rs. 57,440 has been provided and a very inconsiderable sum is provided for new works. Even for the old works only petty sums are allotted. I would cite the instance of the Mukathala road the cost of which would come to more than Rs. 12,000. Already Rs. 3,000 have been spent on the road and there is a provision of 1,000 rupees for it this year. This amount would be spent in a month and it would be pure waste if the work is not continued. Pray, do not try for the sake of satisfying this House to make such provisions in a make-believe fashion. Money should be spent so as to be useful to the people. If we have not sufficient money, this small sum may be added to the provision for some other work and that work at least may be finished. Government should do these things substantially so that it may benefit the people. I hope the Chief Engineer would take note of this fact.

Then there are many roads about which I want to deal. I have also to deal with the many other wants of my Division, but it would be a waste of time now. I have represented the needs of my Division to the Executive Engineer. The expenditure comes to only a very moderate amount and I would request the Chief Engineer to see that the whole amount is sanctioned because that is the minimum that we want.

Another point on which I have to say a word is with regard to the Executive Engineer, Kottayam, Mr. V. S. Harihara Aiyar. We

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have heard some complaints about him and I hope the Chief Engineer will deal with those complaints strongly and with the independence which we have associateed with him. I hope he will justify his previous history.

MR. RAMAVARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): സർ, മി. ആശാൻ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാനും പിൻതാങ്ങിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു. പൊതുമരാമത്തുനയം തീരെ തൃപ്തികരമല്ലാത്തതെന്നാണെന്നാണ് എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളതു്. ഇതിനു ഒരു ദൃഷ്ടാന്തം മാവേലിക്കരെവന്നു നോക്കിയാൽതന്നെ അറിയാം. രണ്ടു പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങൾക്ക് അവിടെ അടിസ്ഥാനംമാത്രം കെട്ടിയിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: മിസ്റ്റർ ആശാൻ പറഞ്ഞതാണല്ലൊ?

MR. RAMAVARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): പൊതുമരാമത്തുനയം തൃപ്തികരമല്ല എന്നു കാണിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി എടുത്തുപറയുകയാണു്.

ഇതിൽ ഒരുസ്കൂളിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനം കെട്ടിയിട്ടു രണ്ടുവർഷത്തോളം ആയി. മറെറാന്നിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനംകെട്ടിയിട്ടു പത്തുപതിനഞ്ചുവർഷത്തിൽക്കൂടുതലും ആയി. ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും ഏതെങ്കിലും ഇനത്തിൽ പണം ചിലവാക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ, അതു് ആവശ്യമായിട്ടുള്ളതാണൊ, അതു് ആവശ്യമില്ലാത്തതാണൊ, എന്നുനല്ലവണ്ണം ആലോചിച്ചതിനുശേഷംവേണം അതിൽ പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുവാൻ. ഇപ്പോൾ അങ്ങനെ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നില്ല എന്നുള്ളതിനു ദൃഷ്ടാന്തമായിട്ടാണു് ഞാൻ ഈ സംഗതി ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞതു്. പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ പണം ചിലവുചെയ്തു ചെയ്യുന്ന വേലകൾ പകുതിയാക്കി അവക്കു് ഉപയോഗമില്ലാത്തരീതിയിൽ ഇടുന്നതു തെറെറാണു്.

ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനു് ഒരു സ്ഥിരമായനയം ഇല്ല. ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ പ്രത്യേകമായിട്ടു കാണുന്നതു ഓരോ മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാർ വരുമ്പോഴും, ഓരോ ദിവാൻജിമാർ വരുമ്പോഴും അവരവക്കുബോധിച്ചതുപോലെ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു എന്നുള്ളതാണു്. ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഒരു ശാശ്വതമായ സ്ഥാപനമാണു്. അതിന്റെനയം ഒരിക്കലും വ്യതിചലിപ്പിക്കുടാത്തതാണു്. ഒരാൾ പകുതിയാക്കിയിട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന വേല മറെറാരാൾപൂർത്തിയാക്കാൻ പാടില്ല എന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായവ്യത്യാസത്തിനു ഇടവരുത്താതെ ജനങ്ങളുടെപണം ചിലവുചെയ്യുന്ന സകലകാര്യങ്ങളും ശരിയായി പൂർത്തിയാക്കി ജനങ്ങൾക്കു് ഉപകാരമുള്ളതാക്കിത്തീർക്കണം.

ആലപ്പുഴെ ചില പാലങ്ങളുടെ ആവശ്യത്തെപ്പററി മിസ്റ്റർ മഹമ്മദ് പറകയുണ്ടായി. മൂന്നുമൈൽ ദൂരത്തിനകത്തു നാലു പാലം ഉണ്ടെന്നു മിസ്റ്റർ മഹമ്മദ് തന്നെ സമ്മതിക്കുന്നു. അപ്പോൾ മുക്കാൽ മയിൽ

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ലിനെ ഒരു പാലംവീതം ആയി. മി. മഹമ്മദിന്റെ പാലത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള വാദം കേൾക്കുമ്പോൾ സാധാരണ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളിൽ മെമ്പർമാരുടെ ഓരോരുത്തരുടേയും നടകളിൽ വിളക്കുകാൽ വേണമെന്നു പറയുന്നതുപോലെ തോന്നിപോകുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഞങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഇങ്ങനെ ഓരോരുത്തരുടേയും നടയിൽ ഓരോ പാലം വേണം എന്നാവശ്യപ്പെട്ടുന്നില്ല. ഞങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാപേക്കുംകൂടി ഒരു പാലംതന്നാൽ മതിയാകുന്നതാണ്. മാവേലിക്കരനിന്നും തിരുവല്ലായ്ക്കുള്ള റോഡിൽ പണിയേണ്ട അതിപ്രധാനമായ ഒരു പാലമാണിതു്. ഇതിലേക്കു ഫ൦ർ-ൽ ൪,൦൦൦ രൂപായും, ഫ൦൪-ൽ ൪,൦൦൦ രൂപായും ഫ൦൫-ൽ ഫ൦,൦൦൦ രൂപായും അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടും എന്തുകൊണ്ടു വേലചെയ്തില്ല എന്നു ചോദിച്ചപ്പോൾ "മേലാവിൽനിന്നു ഞങ്ങൾക്കാഡർകിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല, നിങ്ങൾ ആർഡർ വാങ്ങിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുവരികയാണെങ്കിൽ ആ പാലം പണി ഉടനെ തുടങ്ങാം" എന്നാണു അവിടത്തെഅസിസ്റ്റൻറിഞ്ചിനീയർ പറയുന്നതു്. വേല തുടങ്ങി പൂർത്തിയാക്കാൻ സധിക്കും എന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽമാത്രം പണം അനുവദിച്ചാൽമതി. അനേകം സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ പതിനായിരവും ഇരുപതിനായിരവും രൂപാ കഴിച്ചിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതെല്ലാം വളത്തി മേല്പോട്ടേയ്ക്കു കൊണ്ടുവരാൻ പ്രയാസം ആണെന്നാണു കാണുന്നതു്. ഇങ്ങനെ പണം ഉപകാരമില്ലാത്ത വിധത്തിൽ നശിപ്പിക്കുന്നതു് നല്ലതല്ലാ എന്ന അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ മിർ ദാമോദരനാശാന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ബലമായി പിൻതാങ്ങിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, I also beg to support Mr. Damodaran Asan's motion and in doing so, I wish to refer to certain features of the working of this very important department which are not to its credit. To start with, I have to observe that the control exercised by the Chief Engineer over the officers of his department is not at all sufficient. Some important works are not executed in accordance with the designs made and according to the estimates prepared and sanctioned. I may refer to the Neendakara bridge. We heard from the Financial Secretary that the final payment to Messrs. Braithwaite and Company who constructed the bridge was not made in 1105, the year in which it was constructed, and that it is proposed to pay off the liability this year.

This statement would mean that the Travancore Government was not solvent enough in the year 1105 to pay off Messrs. Braithwaite and Company. I ask what is the reason for deferring payment to the Company? Was it not because the work was not executed in accordance with the design? If it was so, who was responsible for it and was it the company alone? I speak subject to correction. That bridge was

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constructed under the supervision of the P. W. Department. It appears that the work was not carried out in accordance with the design given although the officers of the department were closely scrutinising the work. The whole work was allowed to be completed in the way the company thought fit and when the time for settling the accounts and making payments came, the department opened its eyes and found out that the work was not carried out according to the design. The result was that payment could not be made in full and a portion of the money had to be withheld. And the Financial Secretary's statement would convey the impression, to any person who is not conversant with the way in which the department works, that we had no money to pay the company with. But the fact was that sufficient control was not exercised. The Chief Engineer or the officers concerned were not able to exercise sufficient control and see that the work was carried out properly.

I may next refer to another great engineering work, the Vallamkulam bridge which was washed away and here again I speak subject to correction. The report is that because the work was not carried out according to the original plan and design the loss was incurred. What I want to emphasise is that the Chief Engineer is not in a position to exercise sufficient control. That does not mean that he has not got the time or that he has not got sufficient facilities. He does not do it. I do not mean anything against the present Chief Engineer personally.

Then we have heard the complaint in this House of Executive Engineers having their own way in expending public money. Of course, the case of Mr. George Philip has become notorious.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If you can avoid referring to names please do so.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I do not mean to say anything about particular individuals. I was referring to the case of Mr. George Philip because that is known to all.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Is the member aware of other Executive Engineers in the same position?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): That is what I am saying. There are others.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Is he in a position to mention names?

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): മി. ജോർജ് ഫിലിപ്പിന്റെ പേരിലുള്ള കേസ്സ് എന്താണെന്നു മെമ്പക്കറിയാമോ ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): അനുവാദം കൂടാതെ പണം ചിലവാക്കി എന്നുള്ളതാണ്. അതിനേപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെന്റിനോടു ചോദ്യംചോദിച്ചപ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെന്റു അതു സമ്മതിക്കയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): വേറെ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ അനുവാദംകൂടാതെ പണം ചിലവാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതായിട്ടു മെമ്പക്കറിയാമോ ?

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Thanu Pillai, your time is up.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : It is unfortunate, Sir, that I was interrupted many times in my speech.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I will give you one minute more. I cannot be generous to-day.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I also hear of other Executive Engineers who are guilty of the same kind of conduct. I have also asked certain questions so that I may elicit information on these matters. I would not mention names unless I am satisfied about their misconduct. Because I do not want to be exposed to a criminal prosecution. I know Government have sanctioned prosecution in certain cases. And I should be too cautious to allow myself to be drawn into the subject and to risk prosecution. I have asked some questions. But the persons responsible for answering them seem to have a particular attachment to the number 10. They would not answer more than ten questions a day and my question remains unanswered even though it was one which I had given notice of in connection with a previous meeting of the Council also.

There are other instances of the same kind of objectionable conduct and I attribute all this to the very defective control exercised by the Chief Engineer. I have to close for want of time and I shall avail myself of other opportunities as they arise.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Sir, one is inclined to think that the policy of the P. W. D. is to drag on as long as possibe works that are actually begun, to keep pending works that are not begun and to have works that are completed effected in the most inefficient manner,

Sir, the need for a bridge at Palai across the Minachil river has been repeatedly pressed upon the attention of the Government both in this House and in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT Is it the bridge that was washed away recently ?

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : I am coming to that, Sir.

The department made certain attempts to construct the bridge in a particular place. At once the people of the locality brought it to the notice of the department that the bridge would not suit the place if it is constructed there as proposed by the department and according to the plan and estimate prepared by them. But the officers of the department thought that being Engineers they were wiser than the people, and constructed the bridge as they liked. Unfortunately for them their engineering skill could not stand the torrents of the Minachil river, and to-day we find instead of the bridge just one or two pillars standing there as monuments of the inefficiency of the department.

I would like to bring to the notice of this House the injustice that has been done by the Public Works Department to the owners of motor buses. The department has classified roads into three classes ; and there are A, B, and C class roads. Vehicles that ply in a particular class

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could be prohibited by a stroke of the pen of the Chief Engineer. As a result of this the owners of buses, and the public also, are put to a great deal of trouble. In this matter, usually, the Commissioner of Police is made the target of attack by the owners of motor buses. It is not wise or fair for the head of one department to contribute to the attacks made against the head of another department. In this circumstance, I would suggest, the department maintains the roads promptly.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I beg to bring to your notice, Sir, that the subsequent motions are all identical with the motion now under consideration. Therefore, it would be better to allow the members in whose names the subsequent motions stand to speak on this motion lest they fail to get a chance to speak on the subsequent motions.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Does my friend's suggestion mean that I would be precluded from making my motion, No. 11?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : It is not exactly that ; his point is that if after all you propose to raise the very same points under your motion as you have raised now, there is no need to make your motion and to waste the time of the Council.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I suppose if I have much more to say I could make use of the opportunity which I would get by making my motion?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I shall settle the question when that point arises.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): I too rise to support the motion of Mr. Asan simply to register my protest against the fact that the Chief Engineer does not seem to have included my own taluk of Shencotta in his itinerary for the current year. Probably, he is under the impression that Shencotta does not form part of Travancore by reason of its geographical position. If he is under that impression I suppose he would correct himself and see that Shencotta taluk is included in his itinerary at least for the next year, so that he could get himself acquainted with the needs of the taluk.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): I would also support the motion of my friend Mr. Asan. But much as I could wish not to refer to particular items of local needs, I think, representing as I do a particular constituency. I think I must advert to certain items of local needs so far as they disclose the want of sympathy with the needs of the public on the part of those who are responsible for the control or direction of the department.

In this part of Travancore, Sir, the ryots depend entirely on irrigation by tanks. We see from our experience that in many cases, within a year or two after restoration, the tanks become much less useful for

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irrigation than they were before restoration. The fact is that this state of affairs is due to the want of proper control by the directing agency of the department. In my constiuency, Sir, there is what is called the Kottakkal *Ela*. It is an extensive field about 3 or 4 miles in extent. About the year 1080 owing to the hugue floods of that year very serious breaches occurred on both sides of this *Ela ;* and some years afterwards a channel was constructed at the eastern end of it at some cost. But for want of a channel at the western end, even the channel which was constructed at the eastern end is not of any use to owners of this field. The need for the western channel has been repeatedly urged upon the attention of the Government both in the Council and in the Assembly, but nothing has come out of the representation so far. And all through these years the ryots have been starving and the fields have been left fallow.

I would also refer to two other localities where also the ryots are suffering similarly. In the Marukil pakuthi in my own taluk there is another extensive field called the Machayil *Ela*. There also a similar breach occurred years ago. In 1925 or thereabouts the Chief Engineer seems to have inspected the locality and ordered the preparation of plans and estimates for the closing of the breaches. But, the activities of the department stopped there. Last year. I took Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar, who was then acting as Chief Engineer, and he inspected the locality. He seemed to be moved by the sad spectacle that the fields presented to him. Still nothing tangible has come out of his inspection ; and the ryots are still unrelieved.

Then, with regard to bridges my friend Mr. Mahomed said that for a length of three miles of canal his place has four bridges and that he still wanted one more. But, Sir, in my taluk, for a length of about thirty miles, we have only one bridge constructed years ago. We are in urgent need of two bridges one at Poovar and the other at Mandapathumkadavu. With regard to these, repeated representations have been made to Government and to the Chief Engineer. Some time back Dewan Mr. Watts also made a local inspection and he was satisfied with the need for a bridge at Poovar. He promised to take it up immediately. But nothing has been done in the matter so far.

My request therefore is that the Government, and particularly the Chief Engineer, should now at least consider the points that I have now raised in continuation of my representations on former occasions.

To Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai said that his Division has been starved in the matter of public works. I am also at one with him.....

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : And you say that your taluk has been starved also ?

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Not my taluk alone I am speaking with special reference to the Trivandrum Division, I would even extent my observation to the whole Division.

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MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In support of Mr. Asan I wish to supplement the observations of Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai and contradict what Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai has just now been stating. I have, before me, a statement which will show the injustice that is repeatedly being done to the Quilon Division in the matter of the P.W.D. favours. Somehow, the Public Works Department has been conferring more and more favours on the Trivandrum Division to the exclusion and prejudice of other Divisions. The Trivandrum Division, I understand, measures about 1,940 square miles whereas the Quilon Division measures about 2,593. I shall leave out Kottayam, because, by comparison, I find that Kottayam stands better, in the matter of P. W. D. favours, than Quilon.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): What is the case of Alwaye? Has the member got the figures with respect to Alwaye?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I attempted to prepare a complete statement. But I was not able to get the correct figures. Therefore it is that I abandoned the case of Alwaye and other places. I dare say if the member would himself try to do it he could get the figures; and I shall help him.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): May I know from the member whether it is to the figures in the Budget that he now makes his reference?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I have referred to the Administration Report of 1105 and to the volume of Statistics that has been supplied to me. I believe that also relates to the year 1105.

The total population of Trivandrum, as I see from the statistics, is 11·5 lakhs while the total population of the Qulion Division is 14·5 lakhs.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Is not the member referring to the revenue division?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): It is exactly that that I am referring to and not the P. W. D. Division. That is the reason why I could not get correct figures with regard to the Alwaye Sub-Division and other places. I am referring to the Trivandrum and the Quilon Revenue Divisions.

The Trivandrum Division, Sir, has 1,104 miles of gravelled and metalled roads, whereas the Quilon Division has only 910 miles of it. And as I have already pointed out, Quilon is nearly twice as large as Trivandrum, and the population also is far more than that of Trivandrum. Still, we have only 200 miles less of road than Trivandrum.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the member also give the forest areas in both the divisions?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I did not try to ascertain that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Does not the member know that there are no big forests in the Quilon Division?

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MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : There may be forests in the Quilon Division. That does not matter.

Rs. 2,90,000 has been allotted for original works in the Trivandrum Division whereas Rs. 1,70,000 alone has been allotted for the Quilon Division.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Further the capital works are to be executed only in Trivandrum.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Yes. I was referring only to roads, communications and buildings, apart from capital expenditure.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Expenditure charged on revenue?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Yes.

I have been trying to find out reasons for this and I have been looking into the statistics. The only reason that I have been able to find is that we, of the Quilon Division, belong to the unfavoured class so far as the Government officials are concerned. There is only one point on which the Quilon Division stands far behind the other Divisions, namely the consumption of arrack. 54,904 gallons of jaggery arrack has been consumed in 1105 by the Trivandrum Division whereas only 28,130 gallons have been consumed by the people of the Quilon Division.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : And, is the Chief Engineer responsible for that ?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): The Chief Engineer is responsible in the sense that, while he is the officer whose duty it is to distribute the funds allotted for public works, he has done injustice to some places for no other reason except perhaps than that such localities, the Quilon Division for instance, do not contribute to the Abkari revenue of the State as much as the localities which are favoured by the Chief Engineer. The fact that the people of the Quilon Division do not consume as much arrack as the people of the Trivandrum Division seems to be our only drawback, so far as I am able to see,

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Does not that mean that the Trivandrum Division contributes more revenue than the Quilon Division ?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In the matter of Land revenue, Customs revenue, Forest revenue, in all these matters Quilon stands first.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Will not the member grant that people who are addicted to the drink evil require good roads ?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : That is exactly my point. That is probably the only reason for the smaller provision that has been made for the public works in the Quilon Division.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Is it because the people of the Quilon Division carry on the prohibition movement and thereby bring about some loss to the revenues of Government that they are not given enough of roads and other public works ?

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MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : It seems so.

Sir, this injustice has been perpetrated during the past so many years, apparently for no other reason than for the one that I have been able to point out, namely that the consumption of arrack in that Division is low. The statistics would show that we are better off than other parts of the State in every other respect. Sir, we have improved and brought under cultivation more of waste land than any other Division. The statistics would show that we have increased the area under cultivation in our Division by about 5,421 acres, whereas the Trivandrum Division has been able to add only 2,170 acres to the area under cultivation. Even in that respect, therefore, we have been doing more good to the State than the Trivandrum Division. The Government have not taken note of these facts, and the Chief Engineer, who is responsible for the distribution of funds allotted for public works has also not done it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Does the member take note of the fact that water-ways play an important part as means of communications in the Quilon Division ?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapallai*) : Yes, But, if my friend would refer to the statistics .....

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I am sorry you must take another opportunity for further reference to the statistics on this subject ; your time is up.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): The Chief Engineer must understand .....

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : These inter-provincial conflicts are neither useful nor instructive.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : But, Sir, why the Trivandrum Division should get Rs. 2,90,000 and odd and the Quilon Division only Rs. 1,70,000 and odd, for public works, is a matter which I am not able to understand. There must be some reason for it. I expect the Chief Engineer to explain it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : After all, Mr. Krishna Pillai, the answer to your question is very simple. Trivandrum is the capital of the State, and naturally therefore more money is being spent on it. As a man from the mofussil I too grudge the amenities that the people of Trivandrum are getting at our expense.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : My complaint is not with reference to the Trivandrum town, but to the Trivandrum Division as a whole. There is perhaps not much harm in the town of Trivandrum being treated on a different footing from the rest of the State, it being the capital of the State.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Sir, --

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Usually, the time that would be allowed to the mover and to the official member in charge of the demand, is only ten minutes. But, in regard to the motion now under discussion, a number of members have been speaking each referring to the wants of

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his own constituency. Therefore, I shall allow you 20 minutes, Mr. Westerdale, to begin with. Please try to finish your remarks within that time and, if I find that you are not able to do it within that time, I shall allow you more time.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): It would be very convenient for us if the Chief Engineer would come to the front. As it is, we have to strain our ears to hear him.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Non-official gentlemen are suggesting that it would be convenient for them to hear you if you come to the front, Mr. Westerdale.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer.*) Shall I come to *your* seat here, Sir?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: By all means, do so. You are quite welcome.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Only provisionally. (*Laughter.*)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Under the law, it cannot but be provisional.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): There are, many points in which I fully agree with the remarks made by the members on the other side of the House. I refer to the need for more roads and more bridges and more public works generally. Unfortunately we are limited by lack of funds.

A great deal has been said about the need for greater provision for public works in the different localities in the State; and many works have been mentioned as being urgent and necessary. I must ask the members to excuse me if I do not reply to each individual work which has been specifically mentioned. All of them will appear in the proceedings of the Council and will be taken due note of as they are entitled to at the hands of the department. My time is limited; and I must confine my remarks to the time which the Deputy President has, in his generosity, allowed me.

I would like, first of all, to deal with the personal element which has been dragged into the debate. I would first refer to Mr. Thomas's remarks. Very mildly and courteously, Mr. Thomas stated that his efforts to meet me and to bring to my notice the needs of the people proved abortive more than once. And, Mr. Kunjitomman also made the same complaint. I regret that I could not give them the opportunity that they wanted. I would assure Mr. Kunjitomman, that, in my next tour to his District, I shall give him a full day for the matters he wishes to bring to my notice. As regards Mr. Thomas, I am afraid I have really no recollection of the incident which he referred to. I am afraid his disappointment was due to the assurance to him by my over zealous lieutenant who might have told him that I would return in two or three days and would surely have time to listen to Mr. Thomas. I would assure Mr. Thomas also that I shall make good that defect at the next opportunity I get.

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Mr. Damodaran Asan opened his debate with a complaint that I did not press, the need for the several works, sufficiently upon the Government and that that was why adequate provisions had not been made n the Budget for the department. I can assure him that I have done my best in that respect. But, Sir, one has to admit the limitations of finance. I hardly think I can be charged with inefficiency for not pressing the need of public works sufficiently strongly with Government, when I have been acquainted by Government with the financial position. I am sure the Government opinion must be that I have addressed them, too much, if any thing, in the circumstances.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): A little louder, please.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Mr. Asan remarked, Sir, that works provided for in the Budget for a certain year as new works were being carried forward to the next year as works in progress. The Budget is always framed, before the end of the financial year, and it is therefore expected that some progress would have been made, by the beginning of the coming year, in the new works provided for in the current year's Budget. That is why, in the Budget, they are carried forward in the next year as works in progress. The chief reason why this happens is I think, that in the past years, the department has been over-anxious to satisfy the demands of the members of this House and to show that most of the works asked for had been provided for. As a result of this over-anxiety, really more works than the department could actually carry out in the year had happened to be provided in the Budget. Very often, even without investigating the works, without preparing plans and correct estimates, works have been provided for in the Budget to meet the wishes of the members of this House. I am saying this from what I have found by a study of the Budget during the last two or three years. When the works are investigated later on, it is often found that either the estimate is so big that it would have to go again to Government for fresh sanction or that the work could not be economically undertaken within the year with the provision made for it. I think this defect pointed out by Mr. Damodaran Asan is due to the incorrect policy on the part of the department in budgetting. I admit that. This year, we have departed from that policy, and, with the approval of Government, as far as possible, I have included only works which are ready to be executed. As soon as this Council passes the Budget and that fact is communicated to the Executive Engineers, they would readily go ahead with the sanctioned works which have been provided in the Budget for 1107.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What is the reason, Sir, for the exclusion of the Arattukadavu bridge from the Budget for 1107?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Is the member referring to *his* bridge, Sir? I am sorry I am very weak with regard to the

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names of these bridges. I presume the member refers to the first bridge out of Mavelikara on the Mavelikara—Tiruvalla road.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Yes.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): That is due to retrenchment, Sir. That is the main reason. To speak candidly, Sir, in last year's Budget, when I examined it, I found provision for a large number of bridges; and, in regard to most of these, the provision was certainly very inadequate for any substantial progress being made in the works during the year. And, when I calculated the total cost of these bridges, I found it running into several lakhs. The Road Boards had just then been created; and I thought that the question of precedence among these bridges was a matter to be decided by the Road Board. This particular bridge was, on my suggestion to Government, referred to the Road Board of the Quilon District; and that Board placed another bridge over this bridge, higher in the scale of priority, than this bridge. The reason for that, generally, is that, in the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road there will be three main bridges each costing something between sixty and ninety thousand rupees, and one or two minor bridges which have already been constructed or which are being constructed. In regard to these works, Sir, you have to consider the needs of the State as a whole and not only the needs of particular localities.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Which is that other bridge which has been given precedence over this bridge?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): I forget its name. I refer to the bridge over the same river on the Mavelikara—Chengannur road.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has it been included in the Budget?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): No. In the light of the observations that have now been made here, the question of this bridge will probably have to be reconsidered by the Central Road Board. Mr. Jacob, Executive Engineer, in forwarding the report of the District Road Board, on this bridge, said that he agreed with the resolution of the Board so far as the interest of the State as a whole was concerned, but that the bridge, which Mr. Asan now mentions, was more desirable from the local point of view. And, he pressed for the construction of this bridge. Therefore, I may assure the member that when the matter comes up before the Central Board, its priority would be reconsidered; and I hope to find provision for it in the next year's Budget.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): May I know in what year, *my* bridge, the bridge that I mentioned, would be taken up?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Let him proceed in the order in which he has noted down your points.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Mr. Kunjitomman and Mr. Thomas referred to the necessity of the Chief Engineer listening

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to their personal representations very often, the representations of the members of this Council.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : I said "representatives of the people," and not merely the members of this Council.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : All right, representatives of the people. In that matter, Sir, it was the experience in my predecessor's time that too much of the time of the Chief Engineer was occupied in personal interviews and too little application to his professional work. It was mainly for this reason that the Road Boards were created. These Road Boards are intended not only to give the people opportunities for getting their views aerated, but also for selecting the order of priority of the works to be carried out by the department. I am not certain that it is advisable for the Chief Engineer to discuss these proposals too frequently with the members. He is liable to become prejudiced in favour of particular works by the able and insistent advocasy of members like Mr. Kunjitomman to the detriment of the claims of other works less persistently supported though of equal or greater importance to the communications of the State as a whole. It is to avoid such contingencies that the Road Boards were created. I do not at all mean that the Chief Engineer should keep himself entirely aloof from the representatives of the people. I am only suggesting that the necessity for personally interviewing the Chief Engineer has diminished with the creation of these Road Boards.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*) : What about the schools at Mavelikara which are left unfinished ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Please allow him to proceed in the order in which he has noted down the points.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*) : Mr. Asan mentioned the schools first, Sir.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I have not noted down the several points in the order in which they were raised.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Any way, Mr. Raja, it would be better to allow him to finish his speech ; and then, at the end, I shall allow you to put questions to him about the points you have raised.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Then, Sir, Mr. Mahomed spoke very assiduously in regard to Alleppey. Alleppey is the Oliver Twist, of Travancore, always asking for more but unlike Dickens character, Alleppey often gets it.

Alleppey is well provided for in the Budget. There is a provision of Rs. 16,000 for re-gravelling roads, another provision of Rs. 5,000 for gravelling the road between Alleppey and Ambalapuzha, so much so, there is provision adequate to the purpose, for the improvement of the commercial canal. There is also ample provision for completing the bridges which are under construction in Alleppey. I do think that Alleppey has got a good share of this year's allotment for public works. I would like to mention here that the Municipalities in this State do not do as much for themselves as they ought to do. They rely too

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much upon Government. They should tax themselves and carry out more works from their own revenues.

Mr. Thomas thanked me for bearing the white man's burden, a decent salary makes it easier to bear burdens, but I thank Mr. Thomas, nevertheless, for his kind remark.

Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai also spoke very sympathetically on the motion in regard to the reduction of travelling allowance along with some other members. I will endeavour to meet Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai's wishes and not make a greater expenditure than is necessary in travelling allowance for the efficient carrying out of my work.

Mr. Thanu Pillai raised a difficult question ragarding the completion of the Neendakara bridge. I think I can give a satisfactory explanation of what happened. The bridge was constructed under a lump sum contract. The design was prepared by the contractors and not by us. One of the conditions of the contract was, that they should supply detailed plans for the various parts of the work. According to the contract the lift span was to have lifted vertically and given a clear water way of 25 feet. After execution when the span was lifted it was found only to lift at an angle and not vertically and the clear waterway was correspondingly reduced.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member what is the actual waterway now given by the lift span ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): It only gives a clear opening of 13 feet 4 inches at the top but there is a full waterway of 25 feet at the bottom. During construction the officers of the department could not tell how much it would lift, it was not until it was opened by the contractors that it was seen that it did not lift vertically. The contractors were frequently asked for the detail plans during the execution of the work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): At this stage, may I ask the member why the work was allowed to be proceeded with, before the receipt of the working plan ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Because the Government were anxious that the bridge should be completed they did not want to hinder the progress of the bridge.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member who is an expert Engineer, whether it is a satisfactory method of procedure in regard to such an important work ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): In the circumstances I think it was right. There was no reason to suppose that the lift span would not open satisfactorily in view of the good work done on the rest of the bridge. The lift span was, in my opinion not of material importance compared with the bridge as a whole.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know, whether, if the Chief Engineer had insisted on receiving the working plan before he allowed the work to proceed, this defect would have occurred.

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : It is rather difficult to say, Sir, but I think, having seen the plans subsequently that it would have been obvious that the span was not going to lift in the way it was supposed to.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether this would have been avoided if the Chief Engineer had insisted on the contractors supplying the working plan?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : There will be corresponding delay in the completion of the work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : So, am I to understand then that this defect was allowed to occur, just to obviate the delay?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The defect was not anticipated.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Then why is this working plan asked for, from a contractor, before the work is begun?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : In that particular case, the Government wanted to get through the work as quickly as possible.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Though there was defective work, the Government wanted to rush through that?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Without the lift span I suppose, the bridge would have cost less. That is an important matter which should have entered into the consideration of Government?

MR. J. S WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : It would not have cost materially less.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Was not the construction of the lift span a very important thing ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Please allow me to continue my explanation.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : May I know from the member whether, any amount has been withheld from the contractor's, for not doing the work properly ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Some amount is going to be deducted.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : It is seen from the Financial Secretary's speech that a large amount was withheld for not doing the work properly. We all know that Neendakara Bridge has consumed a lot of money and the Engineering Department ought to have scrutinised the working plan before the work was allowed to be proceeded with.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : The implication of the member's remark is that the lift span is useless. That is not the case.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : But you said that the lift span did not now matter. Whether it would rise only so much is a different matter. Now it is practically a useless adornment to the bridge. It was in that strain you, I suppose, excused yourself?

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : Is the use of the second personal pronoun permissible in this House ?

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: In the Legislative Assembly, it is very commonly used.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Is it permissible here?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is undesirable. If you are particular that a ruling is necessary I will say that the member was not in order in having used that expression.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the Chief Engineer, what was the object with which this lift span was directed to be constructed?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): The object was to see that the sea-going vessels could pass safely to the estuary behind the bridge.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Now, can they pass?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Without the mast probably?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): No, with the mast, but not quite so conveniently.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What would be the difference in the cost of the bridge if half the span was provided for the left portion of the bridge?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): It would be exactly the same. My own opinion is that the contractors made a mistake in quoting for a vertical lift. The lift span of bridges do not generally rise vertically. Therefore the cost would have been the same for a normal lift span of the clearance actually obtained.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether there was any dispute in the payment and how it was settled? That information is useful to the House.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: With regard to that matter, if you are in possession of any information you may say that. Whether there is any controversy between the contractor and the Government after the receipt of the contractor's bill, you can give that information.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I must know in what stage it is?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Just before I came to this State, the Dewan had a conference with the then Chief Engineer and the contractor's representatives. It was decided to withhold Rs. 15,000 until such time as the contractor should satisfy Government in some direction on this question. The contractor then offered to rectify this defect and submitted a plan for that purpose. After a full consideration of the circumstances and of the proposed alterations I came to the conclusion that it might be better to leave the span as it is. I did not like the idea of tinkering with the mechanism already constructed. I suggested to the Government that we should leave the matter as it is and ask the contractors to give us a plan to enable us to carry out these alterations if we

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should like to do so in the future and agree to the deduction of sufficient funds from their contract amount to enable us to carry out the alterations ourselves. After correspondence with the contractors this was agreed to and the amount which was agreed to be permanently withheld from the contractor was Rs. 7,500 and the contractor's accounts are proposed to be closed on that basis. That is a permanent reduction that is going to be effected.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Can you make such alterations with this amount?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have their claims been settled finally?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Final payment has not been made. Now they have accepted the reduction, there is no longer any difficulty.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will any portion of liability stand over after the proposed payment in 1107?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: According to Mr. Westerdale the Company agrees to accept the original contract amount minus Rs. 7,500 in full settlement of their claims.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Mr. Westerdale seems to explain away the thing. But according to the Financial Secretary it is proposed to pay off a portion of the liability this year. A sum of Rs. 33,000 is estimated for the current year for this purpose as also for payment of arrears of establishment and other charges. Under the circumstances, I want to know whether any portion of the liability is to stand over or will it be settled now?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): All the payments will be made in 1106 and 1107 and the estimate will be closed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So, the sum total of all this is, that the matter is still pending?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Chief Engineer has explained the matter. The controversy is now closed. But the payment is not yet over.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Then with regard to the question of Mr. Raja as to why a school building was started some years ago and finally abandoned, I know nothing about it. As far as I can recollect, in one of those schools, the work was stopped by the P. W. Department, because, the work was ordered to be stopped.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Which is that school?

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): I do not know its precise name.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Why was that work abandoned ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): So far as the P. W. D. was concerned there was no budget provision for the work.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): The work in regard to the Vernacular School building was abandoned. Is the member aware of that ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): That was done with regard to one school, but work on the High School for Girls was only suspended.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): I do not hear.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): So far as the working of my department is concerned, I am only an agent for carrying out the work of other departments and for carrying out the policy of the Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Then why was the construction of the building abandoned ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Under orders of Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartigapalli*): When was it abandoned ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Also, there was no provision in the last year's Budget.

MR. A THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether any other Executive Engineer other than Mr. Philip has incurred unauthorised expenditure of public money ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Well, Sir, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, the Account Officer sends me a considerable number of "objectionable items" under the Account Code but they are generally of a small nature and easily explained.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there any other officer who has incurred expenditure like that ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Please allow him to finish.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): I know no cases of large expenditure being incurred by Executive Engineers without some justification. In one case, I have in mind it can hardly be said that the expenditure has been incurred by the department at all, the work in question having been carried out under the direction and control of the department, at the request of the individual concerned, and at his expense. I know of no cases where a large amount of Government money has been spent without any authority.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): What about the present Executive Engineer of Kottayam ?

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Can the member quote any instance where he has spent any large amount without proper authority?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : I have no information. But I want to get that information.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) ; I have no information either.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I wish to know the largest amount spent in the year 1106, by any Executive Engineer, without the sanction of the department or Government?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I have already answered that question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : The member says, that no very large sum was spent. I do not know what in his opinion could amount to a very large sum of money. Rs. 50,000 may not be considered by him as a large amount. But we may take a different view. Therefore I wish to know the largest sum of money that was spent by any Executive Engineer without the sanction of the department?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I have not got any information.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Have you finished?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Sir, first of all I wish to bring to the notice of the House one fact namely, with regard to the inefficiency of direction to which I referred in my opening speech. Sir, is it not regrettable that we are not supplied with copies of the report of the Public Works Department for 1105 (*cries of we did not get it*).

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The report is in the Press.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Do you press your motion, Mr. Asan?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I will proceed after lunch.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The real difficulty is, a number of questions are brought relating to the requirements of individual taluks, in this comprehensive cut motion. It is now left to you to say whether you are going to press it to a division or not, under the circumstances.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Since the Chief Engineer says that he will attend to all that has been said and try to correct the defects that have been pointed out by individual members on this side of the House, I beg permission to withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 2-25 and met again at 3-5 p.m.

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Motions 10 and 11.

The following motions were not moved.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR:

10. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,274 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:

11. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,274 for Direction by Re. 1.

Motion 12.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I move the following motion.

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,274 for Direction by Re. 1.

This is to discuss the execution and control of the Trivandrum Water Works. My object in doing so is mainly to elicit a statement from the Official member as to when the inhabitants of Trivandrum can hope to get Aruvikkara water, because, the time that was fixed to start with, for the completion of the work, seems to be receding.. Even last year, the amount allotted was not spent. A large part of it was allowed to lapse and the promise was that the works would be completed and pipe water would be available by 1107. And in the Budget for 1107 we find that the balance of the whole amount estimated has not been provided. So, I wish to know from the Chief Engineer when the work, as matters stand at present, is expected to be completed. I may also observe that there seems to be a good deal of tardiness in the execution of the work. I think it may be due to the contractors not being properly selected, or not being in a position to invest enough money in time to do the work, or, it may also be that the staff charged with the work is not sufficiently experienced in this kind of work. I also like to know the exact state of things at present obtaining in the department and the time when this work will be complete.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, regarding the Trivandrum Water Works, I am afraid, that the original promise that the work will be completed in 1107, will not be realised. I am afraid, Sir, that the date was fixed with undue optimism on the part of those who fixed it; optimism due to enthusiasm and lack of experience in the execution of this particular class of work. I have had considerable experience on Water Works. I have been associated with the actual execution of four or five works, and with the design of roughly 20 others, and in the Public Works Department in Madras we are continuously subject to the same criticism as Mr. Thanu Pillai levelled against us very mildly. We always hope to finish much sooner than we do. There are greater difficulties in the speedy execution of water works than in most other construction works of equivalent cost the work is spread out over a big area, over a very large number of items and it involves the closest supervision, technical control and skilled labour at every stage. The chief reason why the expenditure has dropped so considerably is that, in the last year it has been regulated with reference to my previous experience in this class of work. Perhaps the House knows that a large sum of money was spent 3 years ago on pipes and many of those pipes are still lying on the road side between Trivandrum and Aruvikkarai. Well, Sir, I do not condemn the Executive Engineer for that. It has happened in hundred other cases in India before

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[Mr. J. S. Westerdale.]

Some people think pipe laying is merely a question of digging a trench and rolling the pipes into it, whereas in practice and particularly in this case where the country is so hilly and the soil very hard it is an engineering work in itself. With experience in water works construction one becomes less sanguine regarding speed of execution and does not over-buy in advance of requirements as regards pipes and materials. The expenditure in the current year would have been much nearer the budget allotment if this policy had not been adopted. The original tender was for all the 60 odd miles of pipes required for the whole distribution system and after the supply contractor was selected the order would have been placed for the whole consignment in the normal order of events. The contractors, fortunately, were agreeable to an arrangement by which the supply of pipes should be spread over a period of two years. As the first order under this arrangement was placed in December 1930 the payments will be extended over 3 financial years so far as our Budget is concerned. That is the principal reason for a big fall in expenditure in 1106 and for the lower provision made in the Budget for 1107. It might be anticipated that a large number of pipes could be laid, but I want the House to look at the picture of Trivandrum, if we attempted in one year or in two years to lay 60 and odd miles of pipes; the whole traffic of the town will be disorganised, and the whole drainage will be disorganised. At the same time, we are not slowing down the programme of execution below the capabilities of the executive in the circumstances. I have not laid it down what the capabilities of the executive are in the circumstances. I do not think it will be possible to carry out a programme of pipe-laying any quicker than the programme which has been now laid down. Mr. Thanu Pillai asked when the people will have the benefit of the Aruvikkarai water. Well, I anticipate that the water will be brought into the town within nine months. But it will be a considerable time after that before it can be distributed to all the parts of the town. But from the date the main is completed and the filter house finished, which should be within nine months, there is no reason why a portion of the town should not enjoy the benefit of the supply.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether it is necessary that a drainage scheme also should be put into effect before the water is distributed?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): That is another moot point. It is being discussed again and again in the Madras Legislative Council and in the Madras Government Secretariat. One's first impression is that a drainage scheme is essential as soon as you introduce a water supply scheme. But the fact remains that in the Madras Presidency, where there are 31 Municipalities with piped water supply schemes, there are only 3 with upto-date modern drainage schemes. The reason is that in Madras the Municipalities with very few exceptions have paid themselves, a moiety of the cost of their water supply schemes and have taxed themselves for this purpose. Consequently they cannot

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generally afford drainage schemes as well. But as these debts for water supply, which are mostly in a 20 or 30 years amortization basis, are paid off and some of them are reaching that stage, the Madras Municipalities are taking a greater interest in drainage. In this connection I wish to point out another thing. I do not think it will be too late to consider seriously the drainage problem of Trivandrum by the time the water supply scheme is brought into operation. In other words I do not think the water supply scheme will materially affect the drainage problem to such an extent as to affect public health. If you convert the water supply per day into depth of water spread over the area of the town and compare it with the rainfall, you will find it is a negligible quantity. In other words if you pour the same amount of rain into Trivandrum as you put into it through its piped water supply scheme it will be found to be a very small quantity compared to what happens in a normal monsoon day. It is not so much the *quantity* as *quality* that matters. If you introduce a water supply then you have a greater quantity of foul sullage water. Except Chalai and those parts of the town, in other places, most of the domestic sullage is disposed of in the spacious compounds of the Bungalows. However, it is a thing which has to be considered, and Government have made provision in the Budget for the investigation of the drainage scheme in Trivandrum. But I do not think that it is a matter over which we should be alarmed or apprehensive.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : There is a provision of Rs. 15,000 in the Budget for investigation of the drainage system. I want to know how that work is going to be conducted—by any local officer or an officer from outside ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : My wish is that the work be conducted by an officer—from outside with previous experience of this class of work—under my personal supervision. I think in such a matter of great importance as the drainage problem of the town, it will be a fatal mistake not to take advantage of the previous experience of others. I am very strongly in favour of getting somebody with previous experience. The man whom I have in mind is an officer who is on the verge of retirement so that if he comes here he will not obtain permanent connection with the Public Works Department to the exclusion of anybody else. My idea is that this officer working under me will have an Assistant Engineer of the State Public Works Department as Assistant to him in order that he may be trained in the methods adopted successfully elsewhere. The officer I have in mind—I do not know whether he will come, I do not know whether the Madras Government will let him, I do not know whether the terms we will offer to him will be sufficiently attractive—the officer I have in mind was on the construction of the Ootacamund drainage scheme. It is an underground, combined drainage scheme. He was also in charge of the Madura drainage scheme. It is an underground drainage scheme which has been a great success, and since the completion of the work he has been a Technical Superintendent in the office of the Sanitary Engineer, Madras. Before I came here, Mr. Vipan selected the very same Engineer to start the investigation here. That s my proposal.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) ; Is it a fact that the officer conducting this investigation work should be one conversant with local conditions ? Is there any point in that opinion ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) ; It is an advantage to be conversant with the local conditions. But I think anybody who has lived in the South of India, in the Madras Presidency for 55 years, will very readily adapt himself to local conditions in Travancore.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : How old is that gentleman ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): He is about to retire.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Is it on superannuation pension ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): He is retiring under the ordinary rules.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How long will his service be required here ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I would say two years at the outside and probably less.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : So, he will have nothing to do with the execution of the work after the investigation is over?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): That is a matter which can be decided when the scheme is sanctioned.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is there any advantage in having the same officer to investigate and to execute the work or is it advantageous to have one officer to investigate and leave the execu-titon of the work to another ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : There is a lot to be said on both sides, Sir. If you have a work investigated by one officer and carried out by another, new ideas will be introduced into the scheme and possible defects will be seen. If the work is carried out by the same officer, you have the advantage of his intimate knowledge of local conditions gained in the investigations. I think a great deal can be said for both.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Since the Chief Engineer himself is an expert in drainage engineering, I wish to know from him whether it will not be better to have a local officer to work under him and gain experience, the investigation and execution being scrutinised by him so that we may have the service of that officer afterwards also ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : The Chief Engineer who is in charge of a big department cannot pay that personal attention which is necessary to a detailed investigation of a town of this dimen-sion. He could not give the necessary attention to directing the every day work of an officer in charge of an investigation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Which is the more difficult work the investigation of the water works or the investigation of the drainage ?

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): The investigation of the drainage is far more difficult. You can make water run uphill in pipes but you cannot make drainage run up hill.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Your time is up Mr. Westerdale.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Sir, in supporting the motion of Mr. Thanu Pillai, I wish to bring to the notice of the House that the attention of the department is too much devoted to public works in Trivandrum. I want to draw the attention of the authorities to the northern-most taluks which I represent.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: This is a reduction which deals with a specific item though it is in the nature of a token cut.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): I took it as a token cut.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Can't you bring it under some other head?

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): This is a cut under direction.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Under motion 18 Mr. Madhavan Pillai will be moving a token motion. You can bring it under that.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): I do not know whether he will be moving it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: All right.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): The taluks of Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha are admittedly the most backward taluks in point of communication and I may also say in point of education. Here we have to deal with the means of communication and also with the necessity of meeting the need now existing there for better means of communication. I should think in these days of economic depression the taluks most hard hit are Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha. There the means of circulating money are only agricultural ways and for that we find no money can be obtained in these days. Pepper and paddy are two important items of products in those two taluks but for these we do not even find markets. So in point of getting money these taluks are very much encumbered compared to other taluks. Other places on account of the officers being present in different capacities are liable to be helped whereas these two taluks are even wanting in departmental and official gentlemen who are able to help the ryots in those parts. So the only ways whereby the people of those taluks can be benefited from the Government are the ways open to them by the Public Works Department. In opening roads there, contracts are given to people outside those taluks. Local people are not given proper contracts. And therefore money is not distributed in those areas in due proportions.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇപ്പോൾ കാണ്ടാക്ട് കൊടുത്തു വരുന്നത് ആ സ്ഥലത്തുകാർക്കാണോ?

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): എല്ലാവർക്കും കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ട്രഷറികളും ആ ക്കാണ്ട കൊടുത്തു വരുന്നതു?

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): ട്രഷറികളും വിദേശികൾക്കാണ് കൊടുക്കുന്നതു ?

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : So my point is that even in giving contracts to the people, the people of the particular taluk or the particular area where these works are done should be preferred to outsiders.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Is it the opinion of the member that even if lower tenders are offered by outsiders, they should not be accepted and that preference should be given to the people of the locality?

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzaa* cum *Toduyuzha*) : My point is that preference should be given to the people of the locality.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Even if tenders are offered by people living outside the taluks, who are Travancoreans, should they not be given contracts?

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : If there are people of the area for work who are willing to give tenders for the same amount as that offered by outsiders then preference should be given to the people of that area.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Can the member cite any instance in which such a thing occurred where equal tenders had been offered by the people living in the same taluk?

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Toduyuzha*) : My answer is that no such opportunities have been given yet. For the people to know all these things, not sufficient opportunity has been given.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : There is advertisement in the Gazette.

MR. K. P ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Such means of advertisements do not reach the people of the locality.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Do you want it to be given by beat of tom tom ?

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Not that.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : There is advertisement in the Gazette. That will be sufficient.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Notices are put up in the Sub-divisional and Divisional offices the most likely places for prospective contractors to look for information.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : What I suggest is that the notices should be affixed in the Pakuthi Cutcherries as well. That will be more practicable and more accessible to the people of the locality.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : What is the area of a pakuthy in your taluk ?

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MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): About twelve to sixteen miles square. Therefore in Todupuzha and Muvattupuzha more roads aught to be provided for the next year. In Todupuzha some of the roads existing now are unfit for traffic. If the Chief Engineer had gone to those places recently, he could have found that many of the roads especially the road from Todupuzha to Karimanoor and Udumbanoor is unfit for traffic. A few roads in Muvattupuzha taluk also deserve the attention of the Department.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*). ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതു "To discuss the execution and control of the Trivandrum Water Works" എന്നാണു്. ആ സ്ഥിതിക്കു മെമ്പർ സംസാരിക്കുന്നതു് ശരിയാണൊയെന്നു് അറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : മൂവാറ്റുപുഴയും തൊടുപുഴയും വേണ്ട സെക്ഷൻ കുഞ്ഞാം ഇല്ലെന്നാണു പറയുന്നതു്.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : There are two small roads which require the immediate attention of the department.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Your time is up.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Sir, I wish to tell the Chief Engineer that the recent water works enterprise has caused much worry to the honest citizen. My friend Mr. Krishnan Nayar was referring me to a communication received by him just now from some anonymous source wherein very serious allegations are made. Of course, I don't want to take my stand on the anonymity——

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If you are not prepared to take up the responsibility of assuring the correctness of the allegations before you, better leave the subject.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Those are all hard facts about which the Chief Engineer should enquire. I fully take up the responsibility for what I state now because those are all reports which have reached me even otherwise and even before this occasion. It is said, Sir, that unqualified hands are entertained by those who are responsible for the appointment of hands in the Water Works Department. It is also alleged that employees possessing qualifications that entitle them only to places of Maistries are put above those possessing higher qualifications. It is also reported that the Water Works Scheme has come to be a preserve of some particular community. The Chief Engineer is asked to depose whether a plan prepared during the course of six months by 10 Maistries under one Supervisor was not found to be useless and was consequentiy abandoned. Also it is alleged that for the sake of fetching river water to 12 employees of the scheme, a sum of about 25,000 rupees was spent which could have been considerably reduced if some more economic means were resorted to. It is said tha

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[Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai.]

the pipes that we have got here are not in good order, and some subordinate of the department is being sent to – where I do not know. The whole arrangement is being made in such manner that the authorities who are responsible for that do fight shy of public criticism. So my point is that the Chief Engineer has to inform the House of such details as will be calculated to dispel all suspicions that are being entertained, certainly justly, by the House. With these words, I support the motion made by Mr. Thanu Pillai.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): സർ, മി. താണുപിള്ള ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ച ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. ആലപ്പുഴയിൽ ജലസംഭരണസമ്പ്രദായം ഏർപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ട ആവശ്യകതയെപ്പറ്റി പ്രസ്താവിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയാണു ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെഅനുകൂലിക്കുന്നതു്. കുറെ മുമ്പു ആലപ്പുഴയിൽ ഒരു പാലം വേണമെന്നു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ എന്റെ സ്നേഹിതന്മാരിൽ ചിലർ, ആലപ്പുഴക്കു് കൂടുതലായി എന്തെല്ലാമോ ചെയ്തുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു ഒരു പാലം അനുവദിച്ചു കൊടുക്കുന്നതു കൂടുതലായിപ്പോയി എന്നുള്ള ഒരു മനഃസ്ഥിതി കണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്കു ഒരു വലിയ സംഖ്യ മുടക്കേണ്ടതായ ഒരു ജലസംഭരണവിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി പറയുമ്പോൾ അവർക്കു എത്രമാത്രം ക്ഷമയുണ്ടായിരിക്കുമെന്നു അറിയുന്നില്ല. അതു് എങ്ങിനെ ആയാലും ആലപ്പുഴയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഒരു സംഗതി ഈ സഭയുടെ ദൃഷ്ടിക്കു വിഷയമാക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ടു്.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. I want to know whether this could be discussed under the cut motion made by Mr. Thanu Pillai?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What do you say Mr. Kayalam Paramesvarn Pillai? Mr. Madhavan Pillai, I think you want to know whether the discussion should not be restricted to the subject described within brackets?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A ruling has already been given that that does not form part of the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question was already raised and I have told you already that the member is in order. It only means that the member who moves the motion is bound by what he has stated within the brackets. It does not bind others.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Another point of order.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഈ പായിൻസ്അഫ് ആർഡുകൊടുക്കു പോകുന്ന സമയം എന്റെ സമയത്തിൽ കണക്കാക്കരുതെന്നു ഒരുപേക്ഷയുണ്ടു്.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I will give you an extension of time. You need not be nervous.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): This motion relates to water works There is another head for bringing the subject of water works. That motion has already been discussed by the House. So this motion which relates to water works could not be allowed to be discussed under this head. There is a specific allotment for water works under which this has to be discussed. There has been a ruling like that in the last year.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I follow you. Will you please tell me why you did not raise it when Mr. Thanu Pillai's motion was discussed? We are now at motion 12.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartigapalli*): I could have raised it then, but this was brought to my notice only now. I thought that the Law Member would have brought it to the notice of the House.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Yes, Mr. P. S. Mahomed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartigapalli*): I want a ruling.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I overrule you.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): സർ, ആലപ്പുഴ, ആ സ്ഥലത്തുകാക്കുവേണ്ടിമാത്രമല്ല ഉണ്ടാക്കീട്ടുള്ളതു് എന്നുള്ള സംഗതി ആദ്യമേ തന്നെ ധരിക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ആലപ്പുഴക്കാർ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടു് ആ സ്ഥലം ഉണ്ടാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതും അല്ല. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനെ ഭരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ദിവാൻജിമാരിൽ ഏറവും ഉത്തമനായ ഒരു ദിവാൻജി, കച്ചവടത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യത്തിനായി ആലപ്പുഴയെ ഒരു പട്ടണമാക്കി സൃഷ്ടിച്ചു എന്നാണു് എന്റെ അറിവു്. അന്നു് ആലപ്പുഴയിൽ ആരുംതന്നെ ഇല്ലായിരുന്നു.

ആലപ്പുഴ ഒരു വാണിജ്യകേന്ദ്രമായിരിക്കണം—പ്രകൃതിദത്തമായിതന്നെ ഒരു തുറമുഖത്തിനു് സൌകര്യമുള്ള ആ സ്ഥലത്തിനു കൂടുതൽ സൌകര്യമുണ്ടാക്കിക്കൊടുക്കണം—എന്നുള്ള ആഗ്രഹത്താൽ അനേകണ്ടായിരുന്ന നാടുവാഴികളും അവരുടെമന്ത്രിമാരുംകൂടി ആലോചിച്ചു് അതിനനുകൂലമായി എന്തെല്ലാം ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ അതൊക്കെ ചെയ്യുകയും അതനുസരിച്ചു അന്നുമുതൽ ഇന്നുവരെ അവരുടെ ഉദ്ദേശം ഫലപ്രദമാക്കത്തക്കവിധത്തിൽതന്നെ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്നു എന്നുള്ളതിൽ ആർക്കും അഭിപ്രായവ്യത്യാസത്തിനു വകയുണ്ടെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. ആലപ്പുഴ ചെയ്യുന്നപ്രവർത്തികൾ കച്ചവടസംബന്ധമായി തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനെ പൊതുവെ ബാധിക്കു-

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[Mr. P. S. Mahomed.]

ന്നവയാണ്. ജലസംബന്ധമായ അസൌകര്യം വല്ല പട്ടണത്തിലും ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു് ആലപ്പുഴ പട്ടണത്തിലാണ് എന്നു നിശ്ചയമായും പറയാം. അവിടെ നല്ല വെള്ളം ലഭിക്കുക എന്നുള്ളതു വളരെ പ്രയാസമാണു്. മാറിപ്പോയ ദിവാൻ മി. വാട്ട്സിന്റെ മാതാവു് ഒരിക്കൽ ആലപ്പുഴ വന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ, അവിടെയുള്ള വെള്ളം കുടിക്കുന്നതു വളരെ സൂക്ഷിച്ചുവേണമെന്നു അവരോടു മി: വാട്ട്സ് പറഞ്ഞിരുന്നതായി ഞാൻ അറിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ദിവാൻജിമാക്കു പോലും അവിടത്തെ വെള്ളംകുടിക്കുന്നതിനു വലിയ ഭയമാണു്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: വെള്ളത്തെപ്പേടിച്ചു് മി. മഹമ്മദ് അവിടെനിന്നും ഓടിപോയില്ലല്ലോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): പോയില്ല എന്നു മാത്രവുമല്ല അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അസൌകര്യങ്ങൾകൊണ്ടു് അവിടെനിന്നു് പോകുകയും ഇല്ല.

ഇതിന് ഒരു നിവൃത്തിമാർഗ്ഗം ഉണ്ടാക്കേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ പല ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും കച്ചവടത്തിനായും മറും അവിടെ ധാരാളം ആളുകൾ വന്നു് താമസിക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ആലപ്പുഴക്കാരെക്കാൾ ക്ലേശം കിട്ടുന്നതു് വെളിയിൽ ഉള്ള ആളുകൾക്കാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തു ജലസംഭരണം തുടങ്ങുന്നതിനുമുമ്പായിട്ടു് ആലപ്പുഴയിൽ ഈകാര്യം പ്രവർത്തിക്കേണ്ടതായിരുന്നു എന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. എന്നാൽ തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തു ഇപ്പോൾ തുടങ്ങിക്കഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ അടുത്തു തുടങ്ങേണ്ടതു് ആലപ്പുഴയിലാണു്. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തു തുടങ്ങേണ്ട കാര്യം മുഴുവനും കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടു് പിന്നെ ആയിക്കൊള്ളാമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു് അബദ്ധമാണു്. ഉടനടി എന്തെങ്കിലും അവിടെ പ്രവർത്തിക്കണം.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I appreciate the importance of your holding a brief on behalf of Alleppey in respect of the supply of good drinking water to the town. It may be more in accordance with the regular procedure, had you stood up after Mr. Thanu Pillai and before I called upon Mr. Westerdale to make his reply. I do not say that you are out of order. Anyhow, I have allowed you to refer to that subject and Mr. Asan came in rather late, else, I might have ruled you out of order. As far as possible you can bring in the nature of a resolution, the important scheme of water supply for the town of Alleppey. They should not be brought under a token motion, which may include anything under the sun. It does not help us.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to make a few observations based upon the information supplied to the House by Mr. Westerdale and also Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai. Sir, I had my own

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doubts about the wisdom of entrusting this very costly work to an Engineer who had no experience in water works. I once raised the qnestion in this House by means of an interpellation and then, I think, it was replied by Government Benches, or probably the Dewan President himself, that this work did not require any special skill and that any Engineer of the Travancore P. W. D. will be able to execute it with sufficient skill and success. From the speech of Mr. Westerdale to-day I am led to believe that my suspicions were well founded and the Government were really wrong in not securing the service of a water works Engineer to execute this work. He told us that inexperience played a great part in the delay caused and also in the loss to the Government, consequent upon the purchase of lakhs of rupees worth of pipes long before the time they could be laid and used. These pipes were allowed to lie idle by the road side, in paddy fields, in hills and in all sorts of places between Trivandrum and Aruvikarai for many years. They were purchased at a cost of several lakhs of rupees.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: There was one advantage. You got down these pipes at a time of plenty.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wonder whether any credit is due to our Government for that. Whatever that be, Sir, there can be no gain-saying the fact that there was real loss and that that work was long delayed. We find that the work is proceeding very slowly. In Trivandrum itself we find that they have now begun the preliminary for pipe laying. They have made trenches by the road side and we find it in all parts of the town. I do not know for how many months, probably years, these trenches are going to remain as trenches unfilled. I would request the Chief Engineer that he takes particular care that these trenches are filled up as soon as possible because it will be agreat inconvenience to the people who use the roads. Certainly it is always profitable to entrust such big works to experts and I am very gald that the Chief Engineer *did* make a statement confirming my suspicions and negativing the correctness of the opinion expressed by the Government on a former occasion.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇതുപോലെയുള്ള മറ്റു വല്ല അബദ്ധങ്ങളും ഉള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): അബദ്ധം ധാരാളം പറയാനുണ്ട്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): പരിചയക്കുറവു കൊണ്ട്—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Will you please address your questions to the Chair? ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ എന്നോടു ചോദിക്കണം.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): പരിചയക്കുറവുള്ളവർ വാട്ടർ വർക്ക്സ് ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നതു ഒരു പുതിയസംഭവമാണോ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): ഇതൊരു പുതിയ സംഭവമാണ്. പതിനായിരമോ മറ്റൊ ചിലവാക്കുന്ന ഒരു ചില്ലറക്കാര്യമല്ല ഇത്.

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[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.]

എങ്കിൽ തരക്കേടില്ലായിരുന്നു. അരക്കോടി രൂപായ്ക്കാണ അതിൽ പരിചയമില്ലാത്ത ആളുകളെ നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്.

Sir, I proceed in English.

With regard to what was said by my friend Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai, on the subject of the appointments of unqualified men I may say I too have heard many complaints. I may bring to the notice of this House one fact in this connection. I once elucidated an answer from the Government Benches to the effect that retired officers are employed in Water Works while qualified young men are kept out of service—men who are trained in the local S. M. T. Institute — I believe that such men could be entertained with advantage. In reply to my interpellation it was said that they lack experience and so they could not profitably be employed in the Water Works Division. To that I would say again as I said on that occasion that experienced men in the P. W. Department may be transferred to the Water Works and in their place these young men may be entertained. The present Chief Engineer also seems to have a fondness for old people because he has also an idea of bringing in an old, retired, superannuated gentleman from Madras. I wonder how his service can be made use of more profitably here than in Madras. I say that since Mr. Westerdale is here at the capital he must be in a position to find time to scrutinise and direct the work although he might say that he is not in a position to do it. I would strongly request the Government and the Chief Engineer to reconsider their proposal and see if some able, competent and hard working officer from the department itself could not be trained under Mr. Westerdale so that even after Mr. Westerdale has left us, that gentleman will be in a position to continue the work. He should select not the officer who will be in favour with the appointing authorities. But he must select the most efficient, intelligent, hard working officer of the department. He should be put in charge of the work and should be directed and trained by the Chief Engineer so that by the time he leaves us that officer can efficiently do this work with profit to the State.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Mr. K. P. Abraham referred to the fact that contracts for the Public works for the Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks were given to contractors outside the State Well, Sir, I have no definite information on the matter. But I may point out that the Executive Engineers have authority to give contracts up to the value of Rs. 10,000 without reference to me and I do not think it is my place to interfere unless I see any grave injustice being done in that direction. I have never heard of such cases. Anyhow, I will refer the member's complaints to the Executive Engineer and ask him to let me know what is being done in the matter. But even if the contracts are being given to the people outside the taluk I take it that

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for all the labour which form the greater portion of the expenditure on maintenance of roads workmen within the taluk will be employed.

Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai had a few very general remarks based upon very slight knowledge of the subject. He referred to the fact which I have never heard of in the P. W. Department of 10 maistries and 1 supervisor preparing a plan. I do not really know what it means and I have never known of 10 maistries and 1 supervisor preparing a plan before.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether any plan was prepared for the water works?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): A very large number of plans are being prepared.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether any of them was found useless?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): None of them have come to my notice. In any case it would not be the duty of 10 maistries and 1 supervisor to prepare the plan of a major work. The House may be rest assured that a plan of that nature would receive the attention of the Sub-Division Officer and the Executive Engineer himself, and would not be passed without my scrutiny.

Regarding the entertainment of unqualified hands to which both Mr. Thanu Pillai and Mr. Krishna Pillai referred I take it that they are referring to what is known as the Works Establishment. Under the rules in force Executive Engineers have authority to make all appointments of Rs. 50 and under in appointments of this class.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): And the Chief Engineer has not got any sort of supervising power?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): The Chief Engineer has got the power of revision. He can veto any appointments which come to his knowledge. I have been enquiring into the question of making appointments in the State as a whole. I must confess that I was surprised at the number of employees in the work establishment in the State. The difference to what I have been accustomed in the past probably is because in the State, roads are in charge of P. W. D. whereas they are not so in the Madras Presidency; and undoubtedly you need more works establishment on road works than on building works of equivalent value. However the number of men employed in the work establishment is somewhere about 600 in the whole State. That struck me as being very high and I have called for a report from all the Executive Engineers to examine this question. I have also issued a circular which I am afraid has caused a great deal of complaint and heart burning, asking the Executive Engineers to dispense with the services of all retired employees as early as possible and to retain none without my specific orders.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): How many of these fossilized men are there in employment?

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I have not got figures now.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunattur*) : And no enquiry was made?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) ; I have asked for the names, pay and work of each employee in the work establishment in the whole State including the water works and in that report I have asked them specially to state whether the employees are pensioners or not.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Am I to understand from the member that there are pensioners employed in other offices than water works?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : There are pensioners employed, I believe, in every Division in the State and I fully agree with Mr. Thanu Pillai that this should not be done except in very special cases where the experience of the men concerned is of particular value.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Is there any peculiarity with the Public Works Department that it can afford to employee pensioners, old people and such others as are found useless elsewhere?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : There is no use discussing such a question here after the Chief Engineer has informed you that he has issued instructions to dispense with the pensioners in any establishment in the State whether in the ordinary Executive Division or in the Water Works Division. What is the good of our discussing the wisdom or propriety of a policy which he has definitely assured us will be discontinued.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : It is quite a strange piece of information for me, Sir, to hear for the first time that there is a department in the State which gives such comprehensive refuge to such fossilized people and so I request the Chair not to blame me when I am tempted to ask the question on account of the strangeness of the information.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I merely said that you cannot continue discussing the question after the admission by the Chief Engineer that it is an objectionable policy.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I may also be pardoned if I want to get another piece of information from the Chief Engineer. I wish to know to what age does this retention of these fossilized people extend? Is it 80 or 90?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : That is one item of information which I have called for. I do not think any man is over 70, judging by appearance.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Is it in temporary establishment?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : The expenditure on the establishment is charged to work. They are not governed by the ordinary rules regarding Government appointments at all.

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Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai also referred to pipe-testing. We have sent a subordinate to Bengal for this purpose. The number of defective pipes that have been discovered on a scrutiny of them at this end has been small. By getting these pipes from India we have avoided that great trouble which very often happens when we import them from Europe. I know one water works in which 24 per cent. of the pipes were rejected. Here the percentage is less than one. We have sent an Inspector to Kulti because it is a customary thing to have an Inspector at the work shop in the case of a big contract of this nature. The Director General of Stores in England has full time Inspectors the whole year round in all the principal iron works in Great Britain. We have our Inspector at Kulti to examine every pipe the moment it is manufactured and before it is painted so that the defects can be more easily detected.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I wish to know why action was not taken at the earliest possible opportunity which would have warded off this loss which the Chief Engineer refers to ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): I do not admit there is a loss. All the pipes rejected were replaced by the contracting party free of cost.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know why then is this officer sent now ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : He is sent there in order that we may get the assurance as far as possible that the pipes are dispatched in good order from Kulti.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : That assurance was not found necessary at the beginning and it was because of that that such an officer was deputed so late.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I was not here at the beginning. There was an Inspector at Kulti even for the pipes which we have used. For the whole time there has been an Inspector. Another point about this Inspector is that he is not merely to examine the pipes but he is there to test every pipe, under a pressure of four hundered feet of water. The work cannot be done in Trivandrum so easily.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is it a fact that certain pipes rejected by the Division Officer were approved by the Chief Engineer?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): It is correct, Sir. There were some pipes supplied by the Pipes suppliers for the Filter House. They were pipes which were not required for high pressure and they were rejected by the Executive Engineer provisionally and he asked me to examine them. And whilst agreeing with the Executive Engineer that the pipes in question were below the standard of the specification I pointed out that they would not be subject to high pressure and that if the work of the Filter House would be delayed by their rejection I would pass, if possible, sufficient pipes to avoid such

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delay, despite their technical defects. As a result of that inspection I passed 10 (ten) pipes out of sixty one rejected. That enabled the work to go forward which would otherwise be delayed. I understand as a result of that rejection the Engineering Company replaced the remaining 51 pipes free of cost.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Your time is up, Mr. Westerdale.

In view of the explanation given by Mr. Westerdale, do you press your motion, Mr. Thanu Pillai.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I beg permission to withdraw my motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion 13.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): Sir, I beg to move the following motion:

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,274 for direction by Re. 1.

ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിന്റെ നയം എന്താണെന്നു വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടിയാണു്. അതായതു ജനങ്ങളുടെ അത്യാവശ്യമായ സംഗതികളിൽ ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റുകാർ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധവയ്ക്കുന്നില്ല എന്നുള്ള സംഗതിയെ വെളിവാക്കാനാണു്.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. It has been ruled in this Council from the very beginning, I belive even in the first session itself, that identical motions should not be moved. When one motion is moved and a motion relating to the same subject is sought to be moved later on, the rule has been to disallow the latter motion. Now my friend wants to discuss the policy of the department. First of all I have to submit that a motion for discussing the policy of the department could not be moved under that head. If it concerns the policy of direction it has already been discussed and a second motion for the same purpose could not be allowed. Unless we have some definite idea as to the procedure to be followed in this matter we may tremble over this conflict of rulings and find very great difficulty. Sir, I am the last man to appeal to the chair to curtail the rights of the non-official members of this House. But we must really know where we are.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): കാര്യം ഒന്നാണെങ്കിലും ആതിനുള്ള കാരണങ്ങൾ പലതായിട്ടു വരാം.

രണ്ടു പ്രധാനസംഗതികളെ അടിസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തി ചിലതു പ്രതിപാദിക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണു് എന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം. ഈ ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടി—

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : മി. ആശാൻ പറഞ്ഞ ഒബ്ജക്ഷനെപ്പറ്റി മനസ്സിലാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടുവേണം പ്രതിപാദിക്കുവാൻ.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*) : രണ്ടു വിഷയങ്ങൾ കൌൺസിലിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം. ഈ രണ്ടു സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റിയും പ്രത്യേകമായി ആരും പ്രസ്താവിക്കാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണ് അവയെ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരണമെന്ന് ഞാനുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത്.

DUPUTY PRESIDENT ; ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു മോഷൻ കൊണ്ടുവരേണ്ടതു് നിങ്ങൾക്ക് അത്യാവശ്യമായി വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനെ അനുവദിക്കുന്നതിന് എനിക്കു വിരോധമില്ല; എന്നാൽ മി. ദാമോദരനാശാന്റെ തർക്കം, ഈ മോഷൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിനെ പൊതുവേ സംബന്ധിക്കുന്നതാണെങ്കിൽ അതു് ഈ മോഷനിൽ വരികയില്ലാ എന്നും ഡയറക്ഷനെപ്പറ്റിയാണെങ്കിൽ അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഡിസ്കസ്സ് ചെയ്തുപോയി എന്നുമാണ്.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*) : ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതിനെ ഒരു മിനിട്ടുനേരം മി. ആശാൻ കേൾക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അതു ആർഡറിനെ നിഷേധിച്ചിട്ടില്ലാ എന്നു കാണാവുന്നതാണ്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: മിനിട്ട അനുവദിക്കുകയില്ല. അഭിപ്രായം കേൾക്കട്ടെ.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*) : വടക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഇഞ്ചിനീയർ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള നയം എന്താണെന്നു ഇതിനുമുമ്പു പലയവസരങ്ങളിലും ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നുതന്നെ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Is it on the point of order raised ?

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*) : ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി പറയേണ്ടതു വളരെ അത്യാവശ്യമാണ്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: അങ്ങനെയാണെങ്കിൽ കേൾക്കാൻ പാടില്ലാ എന്നില്ല. എന്നാൽ മി. ദാമോദരൻ ആശാൻ പറഞ്ഞ ഒബ്ജെക്ഷന് എനിക്കു സമാധാനം പറയണം. മി. ആശാന്റെ ഒബ്ജെക്ഷൻ, നിങ്ങളുടെ മോഷൻ, ഡയറക്ഷനെപ്പറ്റി പറയുന്നതിനാണെങ്കിൽ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഡിസ്കസ് ചെയ്തുപോയി എന്നും അതല്ലാ ജനറലായിട്ട് പറയാനാണെങ്കിൽ അതു ഈ മോഷനിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നില്ല എന്നുമാണ്. അതിന് നിങ്ങൾ എന്തു സമാധാനം പറയുന്നു.

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MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*) : ഈ കാര്യത്തെപ്പററി പറഞ്ഞ അവസരത്തിൽ ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു റൂളിംഗ് പാസാക്കാതിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ഇനിയും അതിനെപ്പററിപറയുന്നതിന് അവസരം കിട്ടുമെന്നാണ് ആശിച്ചിരുന്നത്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT അങ്ങിനെ ഒന്നും ആശിക്കാൻ പാടില്ല.

Some motions regarding the policy of the department were discussed and they were withdrawn. I wish to know from you, Mr. Parameswaran Pillai, whether Mr. Damodaran Asan is right in saying that Mr. Narayana Pillai is not entitled to speak on this motion ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : When once a motion has been moved, I think, that all other identical motions must be deemed to have been withdrawn.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I wish to know your opinion whether they should be deemed to have been withdrawn even if the first motion was not pressed to a division ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I do not think the first motion need be pressed to division. It is enough if it is moved, for Standing Order 21 says :

"Where substantially identical motions stand in the names of two or more members, the President shall decide whose motion shall be moved and the other motions shall thereupon be deemed to be withdrawn".

Therefore, Sir, it is not a question of pressing the motion to a division, it is only a question of moving the motion. When identical motions are on the agenda paper, only one motion can be moved. These are all identical motions, being token motions under a particular subhead, whatever be the subject on which the member may speak or desire to speak Tnerefore, if one motion is moved, all the others are to be deemed as having been withdrawn. It is usual however, I think, for the Chairman to direct the attention of the members to this fact when the first motion is being moved so that the others who have given notice of identical motions may speak on the first motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Supposing he does not do it, does it take away the right of the other members ? Your position is that the Chair should say at the outset which of the motions he will allow to be discussed. If that has been done, by a legal fiction, all the other motions shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : If you apply the Standing Order strictly, these motions must be deemed to have been withdrawn. It seems to be clear on the point. It says that where substantially identical motions stand in the names of two or more members the President shall decide whose motion shall be moved and the other motions shall thereup oh be deemed to be withdrawn ; so that, Sir, when the President calls on a particular member to move his motion that must be taken to be tantamount to his decision that he has allowed *that* motion to be moved.

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MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): If that is the rule, what chance is there for a member who has raised a definite issue to have the motion put to on that issue?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): These are all token motions and they are not raised upon any specific issues when they are moved.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Even when one member has a definite issue?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): He cannot raise an issue like that. The motion proper is only to reduce a particular allotment by Re. 1 or Rs. 10 or Rs. 100.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I know what will beithe result if the motion is put to vote and carried?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The allotment will be reduced by the amount of the cut.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): There may be so many motions before the House and one particular member might like to raise a definite issue.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It is for the President to decide which of the motions shall be taken up.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Does the identity of the motions depend upon the identity of the amounts that we desire to cut or is it the position of the Law Member that only one motion can be moved?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Only one motion can be moved.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: According to the Standing Orders it would appear that if there are several token motions dealing with questions of the policy of the department, it is open to the President to select any one of them. If the President exercises his discretion in selecting that motion, all the other motions of an identical character shall be deemed to have been withdrawn. The Standing Order does not deal with the question of voting at all. Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai's contention is that then I call upon one member to move his motion, I must be presumed to have exercised my judgment and selected his motion as the proper token motion to be discussed in connection with that direction. Having exercised that right, according to him, I have practically exhausted any dicretion vested in me and therefore Mr. Narayana Pillai should not be allowed to make the motion.

I suppose that is the position, Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The motion need not be pressed to vote at all. It seems to me that a member is at perfect liberty to withdraw it and it is open to those who have sent in similar motions to oppose the motion being withdrawn, and they may, if they want, press their claims.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Asan, it would look as if I am concluded by the discretion exercised by me. Has there been any case in which Standing Order 21 was interpreted at some length by the Chair?

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): സർ,

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: പായിൻറ് ഓഫ് ആർഡറിനെപ്പറ്റി മാത്രമേ പറയാൻ പാടുള്ളൂ.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഇങ്ങനെ ആർഡർ ഉണ്ടാക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നിടത്തോളം കാലം എനിക്ക് ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി പറയാൻ അവകാശമുണ്ട്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: അതുകൊണ്ടു മാത്രം അവകാശമുണ്ടാവുകയില്ല.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഒരു മോഷൻ കൊണ്ടു വരുന്നതിന് എന്നെ അനുവദിച്ചു. ഒരു മോഷൻ ഒരാൾ കൊണ്ടുവന്നാൽ വേറൊരാളിന് പാടില്ല എന്ന് ഇന്ന പ്രസിഡൻറ് രൂപം ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല. അതു കൊണ്ടു എനിക്ക് പറയാനുള്ള അവസരം തരണമെന്നു മാത്രമേ എനിക്ക് പറയാനുള്ളൂ.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): There is a ruling in page 283 of Vol. I of the Legislative Council Proceedings. It is as follows:—

"**Motion 3.**

MR. A. GOVINDA MENON: I have brought forward the same motion.

PRESIDENT: If it is identical with the motion just withdrawn, and if the reasoning is identical, what I have said in regard to that motion applies to your proposition as well.

MR. A. GOVINDA MENON: May I be permitted to say a word about the motion?

PRESIDENT: No, I must know first whether yours is an identical motion and whether the arguments proposed to be adduced are the same.

MR. A. GOVINDA MENON: They are in a way identical.

PRESIDENT: If so, the motion is out of order."

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Under this ruling and under the Standing Order that the Law Member has quoted, if the Chair is satisfied that the motion in question is going to be supported by the very same arguments as the one that has been moved and discussed, I must ask Mr. Narayana Pillai to withdraw his motion. If the same arguments are not going to be adduced, the Standing Orders do not stand in the way of Mr. Narayana Pillai moving his motion. It would have been more satisfactory, Mr. Narayana Pillai, if you had also spoken in connection with the other motion. Now I have to find as a question of fact whether your motion is identical with the motion that has been discussed.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): I have no objection in withdrawing the motion, if I have the leave of the House.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You have cut the Gordian knot.

I suppose the House permits him to withdraw the motion ?

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : In fact these token motions are all intended to discuss the policy of the department, though members sometimes indicate their objects in bringing forward the motions. But they should not be regarded as parts of the motions themselves ; they are noted merely for the purpose of enabling the Officers of the department to prepare their answers.

Motions 14 and 15.

The following motions were not moved :

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

14. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,274 for Direction by Rs. 10.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI :

15. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,274 for Direction by Rs 10.

Motion 16.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : I want to move the motion standing in my name, namely—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,274 for Direction by Rs. 10.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I rule you out of order, because the object of the motion is to criticise the administration of the Public Works Department. That is what you have been doing all this time.

Motion 17.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : സർ, ഡിവിഷനാഫീസ്സ് എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെൻറിനത്തിലുള്ള ൪൪,൨൨൦ രൂപായും കുറക്കണം എന്നാണ് എന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപം. ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെപ്പറ്റി ദീർഘമായി ഒന്നും പ്രസംഗിക്കണമെന്നില്ല. ഇതിനെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തിൽ തന്നെ വിളിച്ചു പറയുന്നുണ്ട്. ഈ രാജ്യത്തെ വിവിധഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറുകളിലും ഉള്ള ഉയർന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ എണ്ണവും ശമ്പളവും വളരെ കൂടുതലാണെന്നും അവ കുറവു ചെയ്ത് വ്യയ നിയന്ത്രണം ചെയ്യണമെന്നും ബഡ്ജറ്റ് പ്രസംഗങ്ങളിൽ അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥ സാമാജികന്മാർ ഐകകണ്ഠ്യേന ശക്തിയുക്തം പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇവിടത്തെ എല്ലാഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളിലും വളരെ കൂടുതൽ ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങൾഉണ്ടെങ്കിലും ഇത്രമേൽ ഭയങ്കരമായ വിധത്തിൽ ഉയർന്ന ഗ്രേഡിലുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ എണ്ണം വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള മറൊരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറ് ഈ P. W. D. പോലെ മറൊന്നും ഇല്ലെന്നാണ് പറയേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Joseph Kunju, let me remind you that you are not allowed to discuss the policy of the department.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): I am not discussing the policy of the department, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is what you have been doing and therefore it is, I reminded you.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : ഇതുയും ഞാൻ മുഖവുരയായി പറഞ്ഞു എന്നേയുള്ളൂ.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: മുഖവുര ഒന്നും ആവശ്യമില്ല. ഡിവിഷൻ എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറ് ക്ലാർക്കുമാരെ തന്നെ ഈ ജോലികൾ നടത്താൻ സാധിക്കും, അതുകൊണ്ടു കുറയ്ക്കാം എന്നാണോ പറയുന്നതു്?

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLA (*Vaikam*) : അതെ.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLA (*Nominated*): ഞാൻ മുഖവുരയായി ചിലതു പറഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ക്ലാപ്പിംഗ് ചെയ്തതായി മെമ്പർക്കു് ഓർമ്മയില്ലേ?

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : അതു ഞാൻ ഓർമ്മിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യം ഇല്ല.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: നിങ്ങൾ തമ്മിൽ സ്വകാര്യം പറയുന്നതു കൌൺസിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടു മതി.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ എണ്ണം വർദ്ധിച്ചു വരുംതോറും അഴിമതികളും വർദ്ധിച്ചുവരുന്നു എന്നാണു് കാണുന്നതു്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I must call you to order again. That is not the subject before the House. ഞാൻ മുഖവുരവേണ്ടന്നു പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലോ.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : ഈ അഴിമതികളെ കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടിയാണു് അവരുടെ എണ്ണം കുറയ്ക്കണം എന്നു പറയുന്നതു്. അവരെ പിരിച്ചുവിട്ടാൽ അഴിമതി വളരെകുറയും.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: അതെല്ലാം പറയുന്നതിനു് അനുവദിക്കാം എന്നാൽ പായിൻറിൽ നിന്നും അങ്ങോട്ടോയിങ്ങോട്ടോ പിരിയുന്നതായാൽ അനുവദിക്കുകയില്ല. നിങ്ങൾ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു് ടോക്കൺ മോഷനല്ല. ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൻെറ പാളിസിയെ പറ്റിയും അല്ല. ഡിവിഷൻ എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറുകളുടെ എങ്ങനെ ജോലിനടത്താമെന്നാണു് പറയുന്നതു്?

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MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെൻറ് കുറക്കണം എന്നമാത്രംപറഞ്ഞും കൊണ്ട് ഇരിക്കണമെന്നാണോ പറയുന്നത്?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : അങ്ങനെ ആണെങ്കിൽ അങ്ങനെ പറയുക; സബ്ജക്റ്റിന് സംബന്ധമില്ലാത്ത കാര്യം അനുവദിക്കാൻപാടില്ല.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : കുറയ്ക്കണ്ട ആവശ്യം സഭയെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിക്കാനാണ് ഇതുപറയുന്നത്. ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ എണ്ണം വർദ്ധിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് അഴിമതിയും വർദ്ധിക്കുന്നു. അതിനാൽ .....

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : അതിനെ കുറയ്ക്കാനുള്ള ന്യായങ്ങൾ മാത്രം പറയുക.

Corruption in the P. W. D. has nothing to do with the motion which you are speaking about. There is no use your trying to put me on the wrong track. I am only drawing your attention to the desirability of conforming to certain standards in discussing these matters.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): ബഡ്ജറിൽ ഈ ആണ്ടിൽ നമ്മ ലക്ഷത്തിൽപരം രൂപാ അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. അതിൽ അഞ്ചുലക്ഷത്തിൽപരം രൂപാ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളച്ചിലവിനും സഞ്ചാരച്ചിലവിനും വേണ്ടിചിലവാക്കുന്നതിനാണ്. കണക്കുനോക്കുന്നപക്ഷം ഇരുപത്തെട്ടുരൂപായുടെ ജോലി പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിന് അഞ്ചു രൂപായുടെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ഉണ്ടെന്നു കാണാം. ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നതു വേലക്കാരാണ്. ജോലിചെയ്യിക്കുന്നതു കൺട്രാക്ടർമാരും ആണ്. അതു പരിശോധിക്കുകയും അടങ്കൽ തയ്യാറാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതു അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് എൻജിനീയർമാരുമാണ്. പിന്നെ എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് എൻജിനീയർമാരുടെ ആവശ്യമെന്തു്. അഞ്ചു രൂപായാണ് ഇരുപത്തെട്ടു രൂപായുടെജോലി പരിശോധിക്കാൻ ചിലവു്. ഇതു് അനാവശ്യമാണ്. വേലയ്ക്കായിട്ടു ചിലവുചെയ്യുന്നതു് ഇരുപത്തെട്ടുലക്ഷം മാത്രമാണ്. അതിൽ കൺട്രാക്ടരുടെ ലാഭവും മറ്റു ചിലവുകളും കഴിച്ചുവരികയാണെങ്കിൽ യഥാർത്ഥത്തിൽ വേലക്കായി ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതു് ഫർലക്ഷം മാത്രമായിരിക്കും. പൊതുമരാമത്തുവകുപ്പിൽ വന്നിച്ച സംഖ്യ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്; ലക്ഷക്കണക്കിന് രൂപാ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്; എന്നു് ഓരോ ആണ്ടിലും നികുതിദായകന്മാർ ആശിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കേ

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അവസാനത്തിൽ ജോലി യാതൊന്നും കാണാതെയാണു വരുന്നതു്. വടക്കൻതിരുവിതാംക്രൂകാർ തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംക്രൂറിൽ ധാരാളം ജോലി നടത്തുന്നുണ്ടെന്നും, തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംക്രൂകാർ വടക്കൻതിരുവിതാംക്രൂർ പൊതുമരാമത്തുകാർ നാകലോകസദൃശമാക്കുകയാണെന്നും വിചാരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കും. എന്നാൽ ബഡ്ജറ്റു് മറിച്ചുനോക്കുമ്പോഴാണു് നികുതിദായകന്മാക്കു് സംഗതി വെളിപ്പെടുന്നതു്. ശമ്പളച്ചിലവുകൾക്കും അലവൻസിനായിട്ടുമാണു് ഗണ്യമായ സംഖ്യചിലവു ചെയ്യുന്നതു്. ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെല്ലാപേരുംകൂടെ പല ഇനത്തിലും പല വിധത്തിലും പ്രവൃത്തിച്ചു് ഒടുവിൽ ജോലിക്കുള്ളപണം ഇല്ലാതാവുകയും പണികൾ നടക്കാതിരിക്കയും ചെയ്യും. ഞാൻ മുമ്പു പറഞ്ഞതിനെ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷന വർകൾ തടഞ്ഞു എങ്കിലും അതിനെ സന്ദർഭവശാൽ വീണ്ടും പറയേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. (ചിരി). സർ, ഞാൻ അതു പറയുന്നില്ല.

ഏതായാലും ഈ ഡിവിഷനാഫീസു് എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെൻറു കുറയ്ക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നും അങ്ങിനെ കുറവുചെയ്യുന്നതായാൽ നിശ്ചയമായിട്ടും ഇപ്പോഴത്തേതിനേക്കാൾ കുറഞ്ഞ റേറിൽ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ കൺട്രാക്ടർമാക്കു വേലനടത്താൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്നും ഞാൻ ധൈര്യസമേതം പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയറന്മാരെ കുറവുചെയ്യണമെന്നു പറയുന്നതിനു് ഈ നിയമസഭയ്ക്കു അവകാശമില്ലെന്നു് എനിക്കറിയാം. അതു നാൺവോട്ടബിൾ ഐറ്റമാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് അവരെ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നു ഞാനാവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നില്ല. ആ പരമ ഭാഗ്യവാന്മാർ അവിടെ ഇരുന്നു സുഖിച്ചുകൊള്ളട്ടെ. എന്നാൽ അവരെ ഉപദ്രവിക്കുന്നതിനു് അതായതു് അവരെക്കൊണ്ടു് ഒപ്പു് ഇടുവിക്കാനായി വല്ലപ്പോഴും ചെന്നുകയറുന്ന ക്ലാർക്കന്മാരെ ഇല്ലാതേയാക്കണമെന്നു മാത്രമേ ഞാൻ പറയുന്നുള്ളൂ. എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയറന്മാർ അതുനിമിത്തം പോവുകയില്ലേ എന്നു സംശയം ഉണ്ടായേക്കാം. പോകുന്നെങ്കിൽ പോകട്ടെ, അല്ലാ ഗവണ്മെൻറു് അവക്കു ശമ്പളവും കൊടുത്തു വെറുതെ ഇരുത്തുന്നെങ്കിൽ ഇരുത്തട്ടെ. ഏതായാലും ആഫീസ് എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെൻറു വേണ്ടാ.

പിന്നെ എങ്ങനെ ജോലി നടക്കും എന്നുചോദിച്ചാൽ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയറന്മാക്കു ഇവിടെ വളരെ കൂടുതൽ ശമ്പളം നൽകുന്നുണ്ടു്. ൨൫൦ രൂപാമുതൽ ൪൦൦ രൂപാവരെ അസിസ്റ്റൻറു് ഇഞ്ചിനീയറന്മാക്കു് ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കുന്നു. ഈ സംഖ്യ കൊടുത്തിട്ടു് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ

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ആറ് സീനിയർ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് എൻജിനീയറന്മാരെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയറന്മാരുടെ സ്ഥാനത്തു വയ്ക്കുക. അവരുടെ പേരെന്തെങ്കിലും ആയിക്കൊള്ളട്ടെ. അങ്ങനെ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയരുടെ എണ്ണം കുറവുചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ സംഗതികളൊക്കെ ശരിയാകും. ഇത് എൻറെ ഉപക്ഷേപം അനുസരിച്ച് എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെൻറ് കുറവുചെയ്യുന്നതോടുകൂടി എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് എൻജിനീയർമാരും പോകേണ്ടതായിവരുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ കാര്യക്ഷമമായി ജോലി നടത്തിപ്പിനു ഒരുമാർഗ്ഗം മൂണ്ടിക്കാണിച്ചതാണ്. ഡിവിഷൻ എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെൻറിലുള്ള തുക ആകപ്പാടെ കുറവുചെയ്യണമെന്നാണ് എൻറെ ഉപക്ഷേപം.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, as far as this motion is concerned, I am afraid I am labouring under the difficulty to which Mr. Kunjitomman referred earlier in the day.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): സർ, ഒന്നും മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല; അതുകൊണ്ട് ഒന്നുകിൽ മലയാളത്തിൽ പറയണം, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ തർജ്ജിമചെയ്തു പറഞ്ഞുതരണം.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Apparently, Sir, the member is labouring under the same difficulty as I am under.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The proper way for you would be to ask the Legislative Secretary to let you have an interpretor instead of asking the Chief Engineer to talk in Malayalam.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He knows English.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question is whether you understand English or not. If it is a real difficulty, I will help you. You do not probably understand the accent of Mr. Westerdale.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): അതെ, സർ, ഒന്നും മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല, കേരംക്കുന്നുമില്ല.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I am in the same position, I am afraid, as Mr. Joseph Kunju. But it is too late now for me to ask for an interpretor.

I was saying that I was suffering under the disadvantage which Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman referred to and it is likely that I may labour under this disadvantage on such occasions. I was wondering whether the President would tell me what the member said, so that I may be in a position to answer him.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He was saying that there were senior officers in the department—Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers—who could be asked to do the work of the office establishment and that you can thereby get rid of the establishment automatically.

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I have no objection to it, provided Mr. Nilakanta Pillai is asked to remove audit altogether. In that case, on the work spot we can draw cheques and pay the contractors at once without the help of the office establishment. But, under the existing system, this establishment is necessary in the interest of Government—not only is it necessary but it is entirely inadequate. Delays in payment are mainly due to that. Sir, I think I can only make the general statement that experience has shown that the establishment of the Executive Engineers is necessary and that it is not excessive.

I think, Sir, the member referred to another matter in his speech. I understand that he made reference to corruption in the department.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I said it was not in order for him to refer to corruption under this cut.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I am very glad, Sir.

Another member in the course of the discussion on a previous motion raised the question of the work establishment. Well, Sir, one of the indexes to my mind of the inadequacy of the Division office establishment is the fact that in most of the Division offices a great irregularity is being committed which I have not put a stop to yet because I have got to enquire into the facts of the case. And that is that in every Division office there are a large number, as many as 10 persons of members of the work establishment employed to strengthen the clerical staff. That, I think, is a thing which must be stopped. But I cannot stop it, until I am satisfied as to the adequacy of the Division office staff. If, as I believe, it is inadequate, I will obtain the sanction of the House to increase the staff. I think, Sir, this is the most unsuitable time to consider reduction in the existing staff.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. ഡിവിഷൻ എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറിലെ തുക മുഴുവനും കുറക്കണമെന്നാണ് ഉപക്ഷേപത്തിൽ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. അതിനുകാരണം ഉപക്ഷേപം അവതരിപ്പിച്ചപ്പോൾ പറഞ്ഞത് ഡിവിഷൻ ഇഞ്ചിനീയരെ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നു പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാ, അതുകൊണ്ട് എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറിൻെറ തുക കുറയ്ക്കണം എന്നാണ്. കാലില്ല എങ്കിൽ ഒരുത്തൻ നടക്കുകയില്ലല്ലോ. അതുപോലെ ഈ ചിലവിനെ മുഴുവൻ കുറച്ചാൽ ഡിവിഷൻ തനിയേ കുറയും. ഇപ്പോൾ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയറന്മാർക്കു നടത്താനുള്ള ജോലിയേ ഉള്ളു. ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് അത്യാവശ്യങ്ങളായ ചിലവുകളിൽനിന്ന് എട്ടിലക്ഷം രൂപാകുറച്ചിരിക്കുന്നസ്ഥിതിക്ക് ശമ്പളക്കാരേയും കുറയ്ക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയറന്മാർപതിനൊന്നുപേരും സബ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയർമാർ അഞ്ചുപേരുംപണ്ടേപ്പോലെ ഉണ്ട്. അവരെക്കൊണ്ടു നടത്താനുള്ള വേലകാം മാത്രമേ കുറച്ചിട്ടുള്ളു. അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് എൻജിനീയർമാർ മാത്രം മതി. പുതിയ

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വേലകാംക്കാണ് ക്ലാക്കന്മാരുടെ ആവശ്യം. പണ്ടേ ഉള്ള സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളെ സംരക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിന് പുതുതായി എഴുത്തുകുത്തുകാരെ അധികം ഒന്നും ആവശ്യമില്ല. അതിന് എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയരുംവേണ്ട. അവരെ നാലും അഞ്ചും കൊല്ലങ്ങളായി ഒരു സ്ഥലത്തുതന്നെ സ്ഥിരമായിട്ടിരുത്തിയിരിക്കയാണ്. അവക്കൊരുസ്ഥലംമാറ്റംപോലുമില്ല. അവർ അങ്ങനെ ഇരിക്കട്ടെ. ക്ലാക്കന്മാരെ കുറച്ചാൽ അവക്കുജോലിചെയ്യാതെതന്നെശമ്പളം വാങ്ങിക്കാം. അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് എൻജിനീയറന്മാക്ക് കായ്ങ്ങാം നടത്തുകയും ചെയ്യാം. മധുരജില്ലയിൽ ഒരു എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയരെഉള്ളൂ.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : മധുരയിൽ എത്രമൈൽദൂരം റോഡുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : ഞാനതിന്റെ കണക്കെടുത്തിട്ടില്ല, ധാരാളം റോഡുണ്ടെന്നു എനിക്കറിയാം. ഞാൻ ആ ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ടിന്റെ പലഭാഗങ്ങളിലും സഞ്ചരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): മധുരയിലെ റോഡുകാം ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് ബോഡിന്റെ കീഴിലാണെന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): എന്തിന്റെ കീഴിലോ, ഭൂമിയുടെ മീതെയാണെന്ന് എനിക്കറിയാം.

ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ സിൽബന്ധികളെ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നു ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷനോടു പറഞ്ഞാൽ ഇപ്പോഴും ഉള്ളവരെക്കൊണ്ടുതന്നെ ജോലിനടത്താൻ വളരെ പ്രയാസമാണ്, അതുകൊണ്ടു പാടില്ല എന്നുള്ള സമാധാനമെ കിട്ടുകയുള്ളൂ. അതുകൊണ്ട് ആ സമാധാനം കൊണ്ടുമാത്രം ഞാൻ തൃപ്തിപ്പെടുന്നില്ല. എന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ വോട്ടിനു ഇടണമെന്ന് ഞാൻ അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

The motion was put to vote and lost.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : I demand a poll.

A poll was taken and the House divided as follows :

AYES—14.

1	Mr.	K. C. Chandi	9	Mr.	K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
2	,,	A. S. Damodaran Asan	10	,,	K. P. Madavan Pillai (*Chirayinkil*)
3	,,	K. Gopalakrishna Pillai	11	,,	M. P. Madhavan Pillai
4	,,	Joseph Kunju	12	,,	A. Narayana Pillai
5	,,	K. P. Kochukora Tarakan	13	,,	K. Narayanaperumal Nadar
6	,,	K. Krishnan Nayar			
7	,,	E. V. Krishna Pillai			
8	,,	Tariatu Kunjitomman	14	,,	A. Thanu Pillai

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NOES—31.

1	Mr.	K. P. Abraham	17	Mr.	L. A. Bishop
2	,,	S. Chattanatha Karayalar	18	,,	I. C. Chacko
3	,,	N. John Joseph	19	,,	R. Dhanukoti Pillai
4	,,	K. C. Karunakaran	20	,,	K. George
5	,,	K. I. Kocheeppan Mappilla	21	,,	P. Gomatinayakam Pillai
6	,,	L. J. T. Polgreen	22	,,	P. N. Krishna Pillai
7	,,	K. Madhavan Pillai	23	,,	R. Krishna Pillai
8	,,	K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Shertallai*)	24		Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
9	,,	M. Mahomed Moustapha	25	Mr.	E. G. McAlpine
10	,,	P. S. Mahomed	26	,,	C. O. Madhavan
11	,,	K. Padmanabha Panikkar	27	,,	R. Nilakanta Pillai
12	,,	Rama Varma Raja	28	,,	Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai
13	,,	R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai	29	Dr.	K. Raman Tampi
14	,,	N. A. Sundaram Pillai	30	Mr.	R. Vaidyalingom Pillai
15	,,	O. M. Thomas	31	,,	J. S. Westerdale
16	,,	C. N. Thuppan Nambutiripad			

NEUTRALS—3.

1	Mrs.	Anna Chandi	3	Mr.	S. Krishna Pillai
2	Mr.	N. K. Krishna Pillai			

The motion was declared lost, 14 voting *for* the motion, 31 *against* and 3 remaining *neutral*.

Motion No. 18.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, I beg to make the following motion:

> To reduce the allotment of Rs. 55,220 for Division Office Establishment by Rs. 5,000.

Sir, the arguments in support of this motion have been already advanced by me in connection with motion No. 1. Some other arguments for reducing the Office Establishment of the Executive Engineers have been advanced by some of my friends in connection with the last motion. The only point which I would mention now is this. I understand that this morning, some of my friends who voted against my motion were moved by misplaced sympathy for the low-paid subordinates of this department who get a mere pittance from the Government and who would be deprived of their job if the motion were carried. All that I have to say in regard to that sympathy of theirs is that we have now to vote upon a matter in which money could be saved instead of being paid to the hands of persons who do not have any work to do. My point is that, as a matter of fact, these subordinates have no work to do now. Whether it is a pittance or not, we would not be justified in voting for expenditure which is not absolutely essential for carrying out the works that have been provided for in the Budget. It is a trust reposed in us by the tax-payers of the country. This is a time when Rs. 5,000, 50 or 5, or even 5 *cash* would be a great thing for the people of the

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country. That aspect of the question has to be borne in mind by my friends. If such of these subordinates as do not have enough work to do now are disbanded, they would surely find out some other kind of work which would be of real use to the country. That is my point.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Mr. Damodaran Asan has brought to the notice of this House the reasons why his first motion was lost. I was also told during the recess, the interval for lunch, that some of my friends on this side of the House were really moved by a kind of sympathy to which Mr. Asan has already referred. I may submit for the attention of those of my friends who did not support Mr. Asan's motion this morning on account of the sort of sympathy that I have just now referred to, that under the Travancore Service Regulation, the understanding, when a person accepts Government service, is that the whole of his time would be at the disposal of the Government and that no officer of Government would have the right to refuse to do Government work at any time of day or night. Probably, it is as a result of this provision in the T. S. R. that the Nurses in Government Hospitals, whose case Mr. Thanu Pillai advocated, are not being allowed even to enjoy one of the most elementary privileges or rights of humanity, so much so Mrs. Anna Chandi was constrained to remark that these Nurses were being put to the necessity of choosing between husbands and their jobs. Therefore, Sir, in the circumstances, the principle, which the Government so sternly apply to these poor Nurses, who are now denied, at least for five years, the chances of getting married and of enjoying the pleasures consequent upon marriage, must be extended, during the present economic crisis, to the subordinates of this department; and they should be asked to work, if necessary, for more hours than they used to work. In times of national crisis we hear of patriotic young men is leaving their colleges and universities and devoting the whole of their time for the sake of the country. No arguments advanced by the head of any department could be tenable if it is for the continuance of the existing staff even during the present economic depression, especially in view of the fact that, under the Service Regulation, these subordinates are under an obligation to work day and night if necessary. In the light of these I support the motion brought forward by Mr. Damodaran Asan.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, in the discussion of this motion, I have two very contrary views to deal with. I do not quite see how to reconcile them. Mr. Asan suggests that the allotment for establishment could be reduced because they have not got sufficient work to do. Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai, on the other hand, says that the proposed reduction would mean more work for the establishment and that they should work over-time to cope with the increased work. I do not quite see how these two contradictory views are to be reconciled.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): My friend the Chief Engineer's difficulty is that he is not able to understand the contradictory statements in our speeches. Our difficulty is that we cannot understand him at all.

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Shall I repeat what I said, Sir ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You may proceed, Mr. Westerdale.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Mr. Asan recommended the reduction of the allotment for the establishment on the ground that there was no sufficient work for them. Mr. Krishna Pillai suggests that the work would be so much, if the proposed reduction is made, that they would have to work over-time in order to do it. Anyhow, it is clear from Mr. Krishna Pillai's point of view itself that these subordinates *even now have* sufficient work to do.

Then, Sir, at this juncture, when we are being told so much about unemployment in the country, when most of the people are not having even full-time work, why should the Government Officers alone do *over time* work ? I may point out to the House, Sir, that the Staff of the Division Offices is fully employed now and a majority of them, *even now* do a good deal of over-time work. I do not see how, in fairness, we can go on expecting the Government servants alone to work a good many more hours each day than the average citizen of Travancore. In fact, I must say, I regard it an infamous suggestion that the member has made, namely that Government servants should work over-time throughout, in the manner in which he has suggested. Why should they alone do more than their day's work for their pay ? I have already pointed out, Sir, how the proposed reduction would throw more people on the unemployment market. I can only repeat that argument and the argument which I have.....

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I wish to get an explanation from the Chief Engineer for his use of the term '*infamous*' in regard to my observations on the motion, when I have only drawn his attention to the provisions of the T. S. R. ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Government servants are, it is true paid for their full time services. That does not mean that they could be asked *continuously* to work over-time for Government. There are no such implications, I maintain, in the T. S. R, or other Rules of Government Service. The Rules only mean that the Government servant shall work his normal day's work for the Government.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: In your opinion, if the Government servant is asked to work over-time he must be paid over-time allowance ?

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Certainly, if he is *continuously* asked to do over-time work, I do not think there is a single gentleman over here, on this side of the House, who does not work, for nearly all days in the year, over-time. Personally, Sir; ever since I joined duty here, I have been working on all Sundays except during the Christmas holidays. That is what most Government Officers have to do in their endeavour to get through their work.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : But in the case of the Government servants working over-time, there is atleast the consolation that they get a steady income from the Government. There is no such consolation in the case of others.

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MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : I did not catch my friend, Sir.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : Sir, I rise to support the motion of Mr. Damodaran Asan. During the course of the general discussion on the Budget, some of us on this side of the House made very strong pleas for a substantial retrenchment all round ; and, consistent with that plea, it is only reasonable that those who advocated the policy of retrenchment then, should support this reduction also. Now, Sir, the reduction of Rs. 5,000 is entirely different from the omission of the total allotment.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : It means a large number of people thrown out of work.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : I still believe that the reduction of Rs. 5,000 is different from the omission of the total allotment. This reduction can be justified on the following grounds.

The figures of allotment for original works show that the Public Works Department has begun retrenchment by applying the axe at the wrong end. What is the curious process that they adopt to effect retrenchment? They retrench the works, and not the Establishment. In the Kottayam Division, in respect of new works, the total allocation is only Rs. 1,16,400. Certainly, that is a very paltry figure for a comparatively large Division like the Kottayam Division of the P. W. D. When thus the provision for new works is being reduced, what is the good of maintaining the old establishment at the pre-depression rate of wages? It is only reasonable that when attempts are being made to reduce the allotment for original works, a proportionate reduction in the establishment should also be made, especially in these days of financial strain. I think a very strong case has been made out for this reduction of Rs. 5,000. I therefore support the motion brought forward by Mr. Asan.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What I want to say by way of reply is that the learned Chief Engineer has not understood what Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai or I said. That is why he thinks that there is a contradiction between our statements. As a matter of fact, there is no contradiction at all. All that I say is that, since the Officers, even now when money has greater value continue to draw the same pay which they were drawing when they had more work to do, some of them might be disbanded, now that they have not got sufficient work to do. The Executive Engineers have no Water Works or other Capital Works to carry out. So, I press the motion.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : The one argument which I have to refer to is that of Mr. Thomas. He argued, Sir, that the establishment must be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the expenditure to be incurred by the department. Sir, I have already explained this morning that the work of the P. W. D. Establishment does not depend upon the expenditure entirely. I must submit, Sir, that this argument of the member is based on the presumption that

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[Mr. J. S. Westerdale.]

the establishment, as it stood before the present reduction in expenditure, was adequate. I maintain, my predecessor Mr. Vipan maintained, Mr. Natesa Aiyar maintained and all the Chief Engineers of the State have been maintaining it, and Sir Rajagopalachari when he was the Dewan here also maintained that the proportion of expenditure on the P. W. D. Establishment to the amount expended by the department was totally inadequate in Travancore.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): My friend is referring to a state of affairs which obtained in 1098 when there were not more than 54 hands, on the whole, in this establishment.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Westerdale was simply saying that, in the opinion of these gentlemen, the establishment of the department was inadequate.

The motion was then put to vote and lost.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I demand a poll, Sir.

A poll was taken and the House divided as follows:—

AYES—20.

1.	Mr. K. P. Abraham.	12.	Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
2	,, K. C. Chandi.	13.	,, K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Chirayinkil.*)
3.	,, A. S. Damodaran Asan.	14.	,, K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Shertallai.*)
4.	,, K. Gopalakrishna Pillai.	15.	,, M. P. Madhavan Pillai.
5.	,, Joseph Kunju.	16.	,, A. Narayana Pillai.
6.	,, K. P. Kochukora Tarakan.	17.	,, K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.
7.	,, K. Krishnan Nayar.	18.	,, N. A. Sundaram Pillai.
8.	,, E. V. Krishna Pillai.	19.	,, A. Thanu Pillai.
9.	,, N. K. Krishna Pillai.	20.	,, O. M. Thomas.
10.	,, S. Krishna Pillai.		
11.	,, Tariatu Kunjitomman.		

NOES—25.

1.	Mr. N. John Joseph.	14.	Mr. K. George.
2.	,, K. C. Karunakaran.	15.	,, P. Gomatinayakam Pillai.
3.	,, K. I. Kocheeppan Mappilla.	16.	,, P. N. Krishna Pillai.
4.	,, L. J. T. Polgreen.	17.	,, R. Krishna Pillai.
5.	,, K. Madhavan Pillai.	18.	Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.
6.	,, M. Mahomed Mustapha.	19.	Mr. E. G. Mc Alpine.
7.	,, P. S. Mahomed.	20.	,, C. O. Madhavan.
8.	,, K. Padmanabha Panikkar.	21.	,, R. Nilakanta Pillai.
9.	,, Rama Varma Raja.	22.	,, Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai.
10.	,, R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai.	23.	Dr. K. Raman Tampi.
11.	,, L. A. Bishop.	24.	Mr. R. Vaidyalingom Pillai.
12.	,, I. C. Chacko.	25.	,, J. S Westerdale.
13.	,, R. Dhanukoti Pillai.		

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NEUTRALS—3.

1. Mrs. Anna Chandi.
2. Mr. S. Chattanatha Karayalar.
3. Mr. C. N. Tuppan Namputiripad.

The motion was declared lost, 20 voting *for* the motion, 25 *against* and 3 remaining *neutral*.

Motion 19.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Sir, I beg to make the following motion :

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 55,220 for Division Office Establishment by Rs. 10.

The P. W. D. Workshops and stores are now put in charge of an Executive Engineer. The Workshops and Stores have not been showing sufficient return. The institution is being run at a loss. My suggestion is that the Workshops and Stores Division could be effectively managed without prejudice to efficiency even if it is put under the charge of an Assistant Engineer.

MR. J. S. WESTERDALE (*Chief Engineer*) : Sir, the question of the abolition of the Workshops and Stores has been before the Government on many occasions. There is a good deal to be said for the *abolition*, and a good deal to be said for its *retention* also. There is no doubt that the Government should have its own workshop to meet its special requirements, particularly in certain emergencies. I am glad that the motion does not suggest so much the abolition of the Workshops, as that the Officer in charge of it must be changed from the Executive Engineer into an Assistant Engineer. I must point out that, in the last year, the Workshops handled works and stores worth over three lakhs of rupees. I submit, Sir, that to handle that amount of money it is very desirable that there should be an Officer of the rank of the Executive Engineer in charge. Whether the institution could be improved or altered is a matter that is under enquiry by the Government through me at the present moment. I must maintain that so long as we have the Workshops and Stores Department, we must have an officer of a high rank to control it. That is all I can say.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : I am sorry I am not satisfied with the arguments advanced by the Chief Engineer. So I press the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The time allotted for the Demand has expired. This and the remaining motions lapse.

Motions 19 to 72.

The following motions lapsed.

MR. K. C. CHANDI :

19. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 55,220 for Division Office Establishment by Rs. 10.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :

20. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 31,272 for Sub-Division Office Establishmen by Rs. 10.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

21. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,320 for the Irrigation staff for the Trivandrum, Quilon, Kottayam and Alwaye Divisions by Rs. 10.

EXECUTIVE—a. ESTABLISHMENT—*Allowances.*

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

22. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 75,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 25,000.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

23. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 75,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 15,000.

EXECUTIVE—b. WORKS—i. BUILDINGS.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

24. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,11,193 for original works by Rs. 37,853.

b. WORKS—ii. COMMUNICATIONS.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

25. To omit the allotment of Rs. 40,000 for the construction of a bridge at Tottappalli—item No 257, Part 1, Appendix B.

MR. K. C. CHANDI :

26. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,53,435 for original works by Rs. 20,000.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

27. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,53,435 for original works by Re. 1.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM :

28. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,53,435 for original works by Rs. 10.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :

29. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,53,435 for original works by Rs. 35.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI :

30. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6, 53,435 for original works by Rs. 100.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) :

31. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,53,435 for original works by Rs 100.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR :

32. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,01,015 for new roads by Rs. 100.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR :

33. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 8,77,917 for maintenance or annual repairs of roads by Rs. 100.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :

34. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,70,489 for maintenance or annual repairs by Rs. 10.

MR. K. C. CHANDI :

35. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,70,489 for maintenance or annual repairs by Rs. 10.

b. WORKS—ii. COMMUNICATIONS—*Total allotment.*

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR :

36. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,23,924 for Communications by Re. 1.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI :

37. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,23,924 for Communications by Re. 1.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

38. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,23,924 for Communications by Rs. 100.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR :

39. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,23,924 for Communications by Rs. 100.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN :
40. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 47,900 for original works by Re. 1

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM :
41. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 47,900 for original works by Rs. 5.

b. WORKS—iii. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—*Total allotment.*

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR :
42. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,16,562 for miscellaneous public improvements by Rs. 100.

EXECUTIVE—c. TOOLS AND PLANT.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :
43. To omit the allotment of Rs. 99,168 for Tools and Plant.

Motions for reduction of total grant.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :
44. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Re. 1

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :
45. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :
46. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Rs. 5.

MR. A THANU PILLAI :
47. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Rs 5.

MR. O. M. THOMAS :
48. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Rs. 10.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLA :
49. To reduce the allotment of Rs 25,34,361 for Executive by Rs. 10.

MR. O. M. THOMAS :
50. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Rs. 10.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI :
51. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Rs 10.

MR. A THANU PILLAI :
52. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Rs. 10.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :
53. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Rs. 10

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :
54 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Rs. 100.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR :
55. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,34,361 for Executive by Rs. 100.

29 C—BUILDINGS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. - MINOR IRRIGATION COMMITTEE—*Allowance.*

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :
56. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 100.

Motion for reduction of total grant.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :
57. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,126 for Minor Irrigation Committee by Re 1.

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29 D—BUILDINGS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.—ROAD BOARDS.
Motions for reduction of total grant.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN;

58. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,850 for Road Boards by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:

59. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,850 for Road Boards by Re. 1.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED:

60. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,850 for Road Boards by Rs. 10.

29 BUILDINGS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.—*Total allotment.*

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI;

61. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,73,701 for Buildings, Communications, etc., by Re. 1.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU:

62. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,73,701 for Buildings, Communications etc., by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:

63. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,73,701 for Buildings, Communications, etc., by Re. 1.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN:

64. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,73,701 for Buildings, Communications, etc., by Rs. 5.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED:

65. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,73,701 for Buildings, Communications, etc., by Rs. 10.

30—PROTECTIVE IRRIGATION.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:

66. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,79,491 for original works by Rs. 50,000.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI:

67. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 43,300 for establishment by Re. 1.

PROTECTIVE IRRIGATION—*Total allotment.*

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN:

68. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,84,400 for Protective Irrigation by Re. 1.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI:

69. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,84,400 for Protective Irrigation by Rs. 5.

34—IRRIGATION—CAPITAL ACCOUNT—*Total allotment.*

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI:

70. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,700 for Irrigation—Capital Account by Re. 1.

XXV A—1. TRIVANDRUM ELECTRIC SUPPLY—
Working Expenses.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED:

71. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,03,311 for working expenses by Rs. 10.

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